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In Egypt, a Party for the Sphinx

Jakarta Sets Out on Road to Reform **Elections Promised** An Empire Imperiled.

A man strolling with balloons near a paw of the Sphinx before a star-spangled celebration on Monday night

in Giza to mark a 10-year restoration that repaired the ravages of crosion on the Egyptian monument.

By Keith B. Richburg

JAKARTA - Indonesia's new president, B. J. Hahibie, pledged Monday to lift restrictions on political parties and hold open elections as part of a package of reform measures that would liberalize life here and revive political activity that has been stifled for more than four decades. Mr. Habibie, in an address before the first meeting of his

'reform cabinet," said he recognized the Indonesian people's "democratic aspirations" and the lingering "questions about the legality and validity of our current gov-ernment." He promised to institute reforms that oot only would free up politics but also would end the "corruption, collusion and repotism" that characterized the 32-year rule of the man he replaced last week, President Subarto.

Mr. Habibie gave few details and no specific timetable for the political reforms and the new election. But afterward, State Secretary Akbar Tandjung said that elections would be held doce all the needed laws were i it in six months or earlier, that would be good," he said. "But it might also take one year." News of the changes to open political life here coincided

with a series of other initiatives and announcements which, taken together, underscore the remarkable transformation underway here since Thursday, when Mr. Suharto bowed to a wave of popular protest and defections from his ruling clique, and relinquished power to his vice president and protege.

[The government freed two prominent political prisoners early Tuesday in a gesture of national reconciliation, Agence

France-Presse reported. [The trade union leader Muchtar Pakpahan, who was serving. a four-year term ordered in 1995 for allegedly instigating a riot, and Sri Bintang Parnungkas, a former member of Parliament

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By Michael Richardson International Herald Teibune

JAKARTA — The new government made its first move on Monday to review, and possibly dismantle, parts of the enormous business empire and cartels built up by former President Suharto and his family during his 32-year rule.

Officials said that the state oil corporation, Pertamina, would review its huge contracts with two companies linked to the Suharto family. Critics say the firms, PT Perta and PT Permindo, operate in a way that adds unnecessarily to the cost of imported oil products, while reducing government revenue from the sale of crude-oil exports.

Separately, the Jakarta city government canceled contracts for drinking water with two other Suharto-linked companies. newspapers reported.

The decisions, and comments hy a cahinet member, were seen by financial markets as a sign that the Suharto family hasiness empire, which thrived on cheap credit from statenies, may not survive its patriach's forced resignation last week, following waves of student-led protests and riots in

Indonesian stocks fell Monday, dragged down partly by beavy falls in the value of listed companies linked to the

The mines and energy minister, Kuntoro Mangkusubroto. said Pertamina would review the contracts it had with both companies to decide whether it needed the services they provided. If it did, an "open and compensive" process would be used to find the firms to do the job, be added. Mr. Kuntoro is a member of President B. J. Habibie's cabinet, which beld its first formal meeting Monday.

Pertamina has a monopoly on refined oil-product dis-

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In Indonesia, Democracy's Dark Side

New Freedom of Speech Turns Quickly to Talk of Ousting the Chinese

mood in Indonesia these days: exultant

at the overthrow of President Suharto

last week, expectation

of new freedoms and pregnant with

dangers. There are plenty of signs that

Mr. Suharto's resignation Thursday

marked not just the end of a numultuous

roller-coaster ride but also the begin-

ning of a new one.

The triumph of a form of "people

power" in Indonesia raises critical

questions about what kind of country

The answers are unclear, but con-

versations with dozens bere suggest that

a democracy might be less tolerant and

compassionate than the dictatorsbip

was and that a democracy might allow

an outlet for the hatreds lurking among

patterns of an entire country like In-

donesia, but this city seems a fairly

typical window into the restive national

No one place can fully capture the

poor workers and peasants.

the people seek.

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

GRESIK, Indonesia - Doni Setiawan leaned over the pot of boiled come cobs that he was selling on the street and steam swirled around his flashing eyes as he argued with his baddy Sarpin.

It was a triumpbal moment for demeetacy, the first-time the two friends had ever felt free enough to discuss national affairs openly. Yet the topic they chose to discuss as they exercised their new right of free expression was this Should Indonesia expel all citizens

of Chinese origin? We're really being monopolized and colonized by the Chinese," said Mr. Setiawan, 27, who was hovering over his pushcart on a bustling street in this city 640 kilometers (400 miles) east of

the capital. Jakarta. The Chinese should be kicked out! Then we would be freed of them

Mr. Sarpin, 34, at first thought that was too extreme. But after more discussion he

nodded his head. "Yeah, they do treat us like slaves," he decided. "I guess the Chinese should

be kicked out. The exchange captured the volatile

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than 35 could not be trusted.

conservative parties are ready to lead Hungary into the 21st century. "Our task was difficult," Mr. Orban

said in a televised debate, his first with Prime Minister Gyula Horn, just before

soul. An old trading port of 720,000 people on the northeast coast of the main Indonesian island of Java, Gresik - like most places in Indonesia - has not been the scene of any violence so far and is simply one more Indonesian hub where peasants come to sell vegetables and buy sarongs.

In Gresik, as in most cities, the majority of Indonesians tend to live in cramped bouses or shacks with dabious plumbing, while the small minority of ethnic Chinese often live in mansions with satellite dishes in the yards. Ethnic Chinese account for less than 3 percent of Indonesia's population of 210 million

but control perhaps half the economy.

Mr. Suharto emphasized ethnic and religious harmony and strictly forbade hate-mongering, so the news media never gave an outlet to the bitterness that many poor, uneducated workers

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Point Made in Hong Kong

Democratic Opposition Gets 60% of Popular Vote

By John Pomfret

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's op-position democratic candidates roared back into the Legislative Council, 11 months after being expelled by Com-munist fiat, according to election results

announced Monday. Democratic candidates won mor than 60 percent of the popular vote after a record turnour Sunday in Hong Kong's first election under Chinese

Election rules created by Hong Kong's government hurt the opposition forces, however, and they will have only 20 of the 60 seats on the council. The majority went to a mixture of pro-Beijing business and labor in-

Nonetheless, Hong Kong's 6.6 mil-lion people, highly educated and skilled, with a per-capita income higher than Britain's, voted to create the first opposition bloc in the history of mainland

Leading the fight was Martin Lee, 59, the lawyer who has spearheaded Hong Kong's fight for democracy for the last

In what Mr. Lee called a complete repudiation of the "Asian values" -respect for authority, stability and Confucius — promoted by Hong Kong's pro-China chief executive, Tung Cheebwa, more than 60 percent of the 1.49 million people who voted in the direct elections chose candidates who vowed to stand up to Beijing and protect Hong Kong's singular, free-wheeling way of

'Asian values have been twisted by Asian leaders interested in power," Mr. Lee said. "Unfortunately, our chief executive is in this camp. But, I say, if you give me an American, a European or an

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Emily Lau, leader of the Frontier party, celebrating ber election victory.

Civilian Power in Pakistan Asserts Itself

By Stephen Kinzer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - It may be many weeks before Pakistan finally decides whether to begin testing nuclear weapons, hut one aspect of the decision military commanders, will make it.

This is a remarkable development in a country that has been under various forms of martial rule for half of its 50year history. The nuclear quandary has placed Pakistan in a difficult military and strategic position, but it has also illustrated the success that civilians have had in consolidating power bere.

Since India began its nuclear testing

issued a stream of statements about how the nation may or may not respond. Active-duty generals have been con-spicuous by their almost complete si-

more say, especially on nuclear issues," said Zahid Hussain, a Pakistani journalist and editor. "Gradually, things have changed. More decisions are being made by civilians."

'On major issues like whether to detonate nuclear tests, the prime minister still has to consult with the generals, but in the end he and his cabine will make the choice," Mr. Hussain

on May 11. Prime Minister Nawaz added. "The army understands that it Sharif and members of his cabinet bave can't play the role it used to play. The cold war is over. There is a political process in the country. Things are done differently now.'

General Jehangir Karamat, commander of the Pakistani Army and the low profile since the Indian tests and was nowbere to be seen when Mr. Sharif held a news conference to discuss the issue. His first public comment came 12 days after the first hlasts, and it was only a declaration that the forthcoming decision would be vitally important, coupled with a pledge of

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peacekeeping missions has increased,

not only taxing the active-duty army,

but also drawing on many of the spe-

cialties now found predominantly in the

peacekeeping missioo have caused what

senior officers call a fundamental

change in how the military views the forces at its disposal. It is no longer a

case of drawing on active personnel first, and the Reserves and National

"Everyone is in the pool," said Bri-

The army's thinner ranks and new

AGENDA

Yen Falls Again

Views on U.S. foreign exchange policy attributed to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin sent the yen plunging against the dollar on Monday, threatening to deepen Asia's economic crisis by setting off an-other round of currency devaluations in the region. Page 13.

U.S.-EU Tension

WASHINGTON (Reuters) The U.S. agriculture secretary, Dan Glickman, said Monday the government would make an "appropriate response" this week to protest a subsidized barley shipment to California from the European Union.

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Hungarian Instice and Life Party, in an

interview, said his followers were en-

tering Parliament for the first time on

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"We created a newspaper that ex-plained our program," said Mr. Csurka,

whose speeches often contain anti-

Semitic and anti-foreigner talk. "We

went out and we talked to people."

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To Keep Peace in Bosnia, U.S. Leans on Reserves

Reserve, like civil affairs.

With Regular Forces Cut, 'Everyone's in the Pool'

By Mike O'Connor New York Times Service

LUKAVICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - As the U.S. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia continues and eats away at military resources, the number of reservists and National Guard members who are finding themselves thrust into military,

life is growing sharply.

More U.S. Army reservists have been called up for active duty on the NATO-led force in Bosnia than were called during all of the Vietnam War. And for the first time in nearly three decades, a National Guard combat unit has been sent overseas.

The increasing resort to reservists stems in large measure from the army's sharp reduction in personnel - by 50 percent in just this decade. In 1990, as the Cold War was winding down, there were about 2 million soldiers in the active-duty army, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard com-

gadier General Pat O'Neal. "They are all eligible to go." As a deputy com-mander of Forces Command, General O'Neal is one of the 10p officers deciding which units are sent where. Next year, twice as many Guard and

Gnard only in emergencies.

Reserve members are expected to be sent overseas. Some reservists in Bosnia have been assigned tours of more than six months. Many officers and soldiers in Bosnia are asking how often and for how long civilians will put up with being taken away from their families and careers and dispatched to hazardous, low-

paying jobs in other countries.

The army's senior leadership has those same kinds of questions," said Brigadier General James Helmly. deputy chief of the Army Reserve, in a telephone interview from the Pentagon. "They are having a lot of late nights trying to answer them."

Members of the Reserves and the National Guard receive moderate pay and other benefits in return for active service. one weekend a month and two weeks a year. They can be called on for much longer active duty by the president, unless they are given exemptions for dire personal or medical reasons. Usually, the higher pay they receive when mohilized is considerably less than what they earn in their civilian jobs.

With the end of the Cold War, the United States has not only reduced the size of its military but also increased the number of places to which it has sent troops

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Ex-Dissident to Lead Hungary in a Shift to the Right

By Christine Spolar Washington Post Service

BUDAPEST - A decade ago, Viktor Orban, a long-haired law student, founded the Hungarian Civic Party, or Fidesz, on the idea that anyone older

Now, at 34, the charismatic politician on the hrink of becoming Hungary's youngest prime minister can prove that he and a raucous band of

alternative leaders in Hungary," Mr. display of confidence in their own abil-Orban said, "and we had to persuade ity to influence government. The fall of voters that there are solutions to the problems they are experiencing."

Mr. Orban's mainstream conservative party, which began as a dissident movement in 1988, came out on top Sunday in a parliamentary contest that gave the right wing a

clear victory over the ANALYSIS Socialist government The Socialists, heirs to the Communist Party and the dominating power in Par-liament, came in second. More significantly, the Socialists were crowded out of power by the success of three other con-

servative parties beyond the Civic Party. Huogary's third parliamentary poll.

The change came from a blast of within the conservative in discontent from voters as well as a harnessing voters' wrath.

ity to influence government. The fall of the Socialists is also the result of missteps in a low-key, lackluster campaign in one of the most prosperous countries of Eastern Europe. Mr. Hom, a former Communist, and

his junior coalition party, the Alliance of Free Democrats, downplayed the elections, relying on international acclaim for Hungary's economic advances and preelection publicity from the state-run tele-

vision and newspapers that they control. They missed the significance of right-wing preparations for the election, Mr. Orban's personal popularity and even the rantings of extremists within the conservative movement in

What critics repelled by Mr. Csurka's speeches did not glean was

that he - and by association all rightwing parties — had raised some un-comfortable and legitimate questions about Hungary's state.

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U.S. as Melting Pot: What if Nothing Melts?

By William Branigin

MAHA, Nebraska — Night is falling on South Omaha, and Maria Jacinto is patting tortillas for the evening meal in the kitchen of the small house she shares with her husband and five children. Like many others in her neighborhood, where most of the residents are Mexican immigrants, the Jacinto bousehold mixes the old country with the new.

As Mrs. Jacinto, who speaks only Spanish, stresses a need to maintain the family's Mexican heritage, her eldest son, a bilingual 11year-old who wears a San Francisco 49ers jacket and has a paper route, comes in and joins his brothers and sisters in the living room to watch the television cartoon series "The Simpsons." Mrs. Jacinto became a U.S. citizen last April,

but she does not feel like an American. In fact, she seems resistant to the idea of assimilating into U.S. society.

"I think I'm still a Mexican," she says. "When my skin turns white and my hair turns blond, then I'll be an American."

In many ways, the experiences of the Jacinto family are typical of the gradual process of assimilation that has pulled generations of immigrants into the American mainstream. That process is nothing new to Omaha, which drew waves of Czech, German and Irish immigrants early this century.

But in the current immigration wave, something markedly different is happening here in the middle of the great American "melt-

Not only are the demographics of the United States changing in profound and singular ways, but so are the very notions of assimilation and the melting pot that have been articles of faith in the American self-image for generations.

E Pluribus Unum (From Many, One) is still

the national mono, but there no longer seems to be a consensus about what that should mean, There is a sense that, especially as immigrant

populations reach a critical mass in many communities, it is no longer the melting pot that is transforming them, but they who are transforming American society.

American culture remains a powerful force

that influences people both here and around the world in countless ways. But several factors have combined in recent years to allow immigrants to resist, if they choose, the Americanization that had once been considered irresistible. In fact, the very concept of assimilation is being

called into question as never before. Some sociologists argue that the melting pot often means little more than "Anglo conformity" and that assimilation is not always a positive experience. And with today's emphasis on diversity and ethnicity, it has become easier than ever for immigrants to avoid the melding pot entirely.

Even the metaphor itself is changing, having fallen out of fashion completely with many immigration advocacy and ethnic groups. They prefer such terms as the "salad bowl" and the "mosaic," metaphors that convey more of a sense of separateness in describing this nation of immigrants.

'It's difficult to adapt to the culture bere," said Maria Jacinto, 32, who moved to the United States 10 years ago with her husband, Aristeo Jacinto, 36.



said it will call out its members for at

least the first two weeks of June unless

the carrier drops plans to cut salaries by 15 percent. The pilots accuse manage-

ment of deliberately timing a wage cut to coincide with the World Cup in the

hope that a sense of duty will prevent

Air France says its pilots earn 40

Truckers have brought France to a

standstill twice in recent years by park-

ing their vehicles across highways and

have each time wrung major conces-

to settle a strike last year has not yet been honored by trucking companies.

The union set Tuesday's strike to co-

of Workers Force, said Sunday that un-

less union demands were met, the truck-

ers would protest during the World Cup

and called on the public to back them.

Marc Blondel, the secretary general

incide with a fresh round of talks.

But Workers Force says a deal signed

percent more than their counterparts at

Lufthansa German Airlines and has offered them shares in the company if

staff from walking out.

they accept the wage cut.

sious out of the bosses.

TRAVEL UPDATE

'Diana' Bus Tours Set for London

LONDON (Reuters) - A British woman, Nicola Pearce,

has set up five Diana Memorial Tours that will take visitors to

London around the places and sights that featured in the life of

The bus tours will include Kensington Palace, where Diana

lived, Westminster Abbey where her funeral service was held,

as well as a gymnasium that she used in the West London district of Earl's Court, the nursery where she worked before

her marriage in 1981 to Prince Charles and some of her

The Russian flagship carrier Aeroflot plans to introduce a

frequent flyer program, the company said Monday. A spokes-

man said that Aeroflot had agreed with the German company

Unisis to introduce the program in October.

Diana, Princess of Wales.

favorite shops.

'I think I'm still a Mexican, "says Maria Jacinto, a U.S. citizen who lives in Nebraska, with her husband, Aristeo, and their five children.

"In the Hispanic tradition, the family comes first, not money. It's important for our children not to be influenced too much by the gueros." she said, using a term that means "blondies" but that she employs generally in reference to Americans. "I don't want my children to be influenced by immoral things."

Over the blare of the television in the next room, she asked, "Not all families here are like the Simpsons, are they?" The reference was to the cartoon series that one critic described as "a satire of the American nuclear family in meltdown."

Among socially conservative families such as the Jacinios, who initially moved to California from their village in Mexico's Guanajuato state, then migrated here in 1988 to find jobs in the meatpacking industry, bad influences are a constant concern. They see their children assimilating, but often to

Jacinto's concerns reflect some of the complexities and ambivalence that mark the assimilarion process these days. Immigrants such as the Jacintos are here to stay but remain wary of their adoptive country.

According to sociologists, they are right to be concerned.

"If assimilation is a learning process, it involves learning good things and bad things," said Ruben Rumbaut, a sociology professor at Michigan State University. "It doesn't always lead to something bener.

The ambivalence of assimilation can cut both ways. Many native-born Americans also seem to harbor mixed feelings about the process. As a nation, the United States increasingly promotes diversity, but there are underlying concerns that the more emphasis there

is on the factors that set people apart, the more likely that society will end up divided.

With Hispanics, especially Mexicans, accounting for an increasing proportion of U.S. population growth, it is this group, more than any other, that is redefining the melting pot

Hispanics now bave overtaken blacks as the largest minority group in Nebraska and will become the biggest minority in the country within the next seven years, according to Census Bureau projections.

HE NATION'S 29 million Hispanics, the great majority of them from Mexico, have thus become the main focus for questions about how the United States today is assimilating immigrants, or

bow it is being transformed. In many places, new Hispanic immigrants have tended to cluster in "niche" occupations, live in segregated neighborhoods and worship in separate churches. In this behavior they are much like previous groups of immigrants. But their heavy concentrations in certain parts of the country, their relatively close proximity to their native lands and their sheer numbers give this wave of immigrants an unprecedented potential to change the way the melting pot traditionally has worked.

Never before bave so many immigrants come from a single country — Mexico — or from a single linguistic source — Spanish-speaking Latin America. Since 1970, more than half of the estimated 20 million foreignborn people who have settled in the United States, legally and illegally, have been Spanisb

speakers. Besides sheer numbers, several factors combine to make this influx unprecedented in the history of American immigration. This is the first time that such large numbers of people are immigrating from a contiguous country. And since most have flowed into relatively few states, congregating heavily in the American Southwest, Mexican Americans have the capacity to develop much greater cobesion than

previous immigrant groups.

Today, Hispanics — mostly of Mexican origin — make up 31 percent of the population of California and 28 percent of the population of Texas.

In effect, that allows Mexican Americans to "per-

petuate themselves as a separate community and even strengthen their sense of separateness if they chose to. or felt compelled to." said David Kennedy, a professor of American history at Stanford University.

Congressmen in Israel: A U.S. Maxim Violated

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM - A high-powered U.S. congressional delegation that is visiting Israel this week is giving the lie to the maxim that when it comes to American foreign policy, political debates end at the shoreline.

The bipartisan eight-member delegation, led by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, and the Democratic minority leader, Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri, started its visit in Jerusalem assuring everyone concerned that when it comes to making peace in the Middle East, Congress is on Israel's side, come what may.

That message is at odds with the Clinton administration's strategy in recent weeks to intensify pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whom it regards as intransigent and unwilling to compromise with Palestinians in the stalled peace process.

Citing security concerns, Mr. Netanyahu has rejected the Clinton administration's proposal that he withdraw troops from an additional 13 percent of the West Bank in return for Palestinian guarantees to fight terrorism. Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, which bad hoped for a much greater Israeli withdrawal by now, has accepted Washingion's proposal.

We're here bopefully to belp the peace process, but to help the peace process in which Israel defines its own security needs." said Mr. Gingrich, who has made it clear that he blames the Palestinians for the virtual collapse of negotiations.

Representative Benjamin Gilman, Republican of New York and chairman of the House International Relations Committee, amplified Mr. Gingrich's message that no matter what pressures the administration applies to Mr. Netanyahu, he is on firm ground with Congress.

"We're bere to demoustrate on both sides of the aisle our strong support for the state of Israel," said Mr. Gilman, who is leading his own delegation in Israel. "And Mr. Prime Minister, we want you to know that despite all your trials and tribulations, both internally and externally, you have many good friends in the Congress."

Mr. Gingrich and his like-minded colleagues appear to be aiming their support for Mr. Netanyahu at two audi-

One is an Israeli domestic audience that seems convinced that no matter what Mr. Netanyahu's travails at home, be can play the game of American politics as well as - and perhaps better than - President Bill Clinton bimself. The other is the American Jewisb community, whose votes and wallets are regarded by both major parties as critical in the 2000 elections.

Nonetheless. Mr. Gingrich was at pains Monday to dispute the nonon that he and his colleagues were at odds with the administration.

When we're out of the country, we my to work with the administration," he said. "We're one country when we're

He and the other members of Congress here - more than 20 in at least three delegations are in the country --are meeting with top Israeli politicians, touring the West Bank and attending a

variety of other events. The visits, analysts agree, will ease the pressure on Mr. Netanyahu to compromise at the very moment that the Clinton administration

would dearly like him to do so. Mr. Gingrich, an outspoken critic of the administration's attempt to madge Israel toward a broader troop pullback from the West Bank, said at a news conference that Mr. Clinton's message to Mr. Netanyahu on Israel's 50th anniversary celebration was: "Happy Birthday. Let us blackmail you on behalf of Arafat."

■ Gingrich Sees Embassy Site

Mr. Gingrich drove past the proposed site for a U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, but did not stop at the site, which has come to symbolize U.S. policy regarding the disputed city. The Associated Press reported.

With his drive-by in the company of Mayor Ehud Olmert, Mr. Gingrich signaled his support for moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and recognition of Israeli sovereignty over all of the city.

At the same time, he formally honored a request by the White House and the State Department that he not visit the site because of concern that such an act would trigger Palestinian

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The Palestinians want to establish a capital in East Jerusalem and have complained that Mr. Gingrich and other members of Congress visiting Israel have been taking Israel's side in the dispute over the future of the city of 420,000 Jews and 180,000 Arabs.

Palestinians Seek Arab Talks

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Skeptical about U.S. mediation efforts in the Middle East, the Palestinians are working to convene an Arab summit meeting that would declare that relations with Israel are being frozen, a senior Palestinian. official said Monday.

Such an announcement would be a major blow to Israel, which at the height of Mideast peacemaking had emerged from its regional isolation and established new ties with several Arab countries.

The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, flew to Saudi Arabia on Sunday to discnss the idea. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar have already agreed to attend, said the chief-Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat.

The summit is to be convened shortly. after the U.S. peace initiative has played itself out. Mr. Erekat said. The summit would pick up where a similar conference left off two years ago — with a warning that the Arab world would suspend normalization of ties unless Israel carried out its obligations under the peace accords.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright of the United States has said she would give Israel another week at the most to accept a U.S. proposal for an Israeli troop pullback from 13 percent of the West Bank, a Palestinian official said Israel has rejected the proposal, citing security concerns. If Israel does not budge over the next week, Mrs. Albright is expected to announce the failure of the U.S. initiative.

French Unions Keep Up the Pressure

PARIS — Labor unions and transport workers kept up the pressure in France on Monday as Air France pilots went on strike and truckers prepared to block the nation's highways.

Just two weeks before the start of the

World Cup soccer championships, three pilots' unions forced national airline Air France to curtail flights for the second successive day and said they would stop work again for four days from June 1 to

All long-haul flights would operate as scheduled, the airline said Monday, adding that the strike would end at midnight. On Tuesday, truckers belonging to the militant Workers Force union are due to set up roadblocks or snarl traffic by going slowly in convoys along highways around France to push their demand for a pay raise.

Unions across the transport sector have threatened a growing wave of in-dustrial action in the buildup to the World Cup, aware that Paris will do all it can to avoid embarrassing strikes that could mar the tournament.

The World Cup, involving teams represents 60 percent of Air France pi-

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from 32 countries playing in 10 French lots, did not take part in the strike but has cities, starts on June 10 and ends on July

The powerful Communist-led CGT trade union said railway, energy, construction and department store workers would stage nation wide protests on June 4 and urged employers to settle labor disputes before the competition starts.

Short of calling for stoppages, CGT leaders said at a news conference that the Cup must be for everyone, and wage earners must not be left out.

"All must be done to make the World Cup a snecess," said Gilbert Stoquert, head of the CGT's transport branch. But if labor conflicts are justified, then there will be conflicts." There are threats of strikes on the

national railway network and in Paris public transport, among other sectors.

Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gavssot, a Communist Party member, said. however, that he was confident that workers would stay on the job during the championships to protect

France's image.
The main SNPL pilots' union, which

Greek Bank Unions Strike

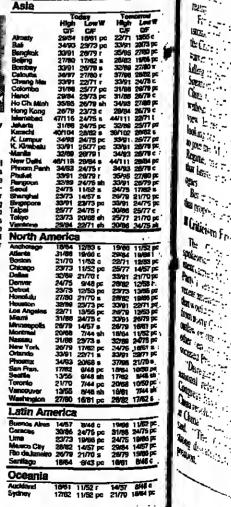
ATHENS - Greek bank unions staged work stoppages Monday to protest a weekend raid by riot police on an Ionian Bank branch where employees were striking over privatization

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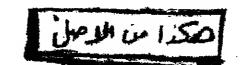
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and Douglas Farah Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - U.S. Special Forces troops have been conducting ex-tensive training exercises with Colombian soldiers fighting drug traffickers and guerrillas under a program that avoids restrictions imposed on military aid by the Clinton administration.

The restrictions were imposed in response to Colombia's abysmal human rights record and drug-related corrup-

The training, involving hundreds of American troops each year, has allowed the U.S. military to play e much more direct and autonomous role in Colombia than officials have acknowledged.

Small teams of elite American troops

fantry tactics and intelligence gathering for anti-drug operations, and have conducted eight-week counterterrorism courses, usually in remote jungle bases where guerrillas and drug traffickers are most active.

The program is authorized under a 1991 law that permits U.S. Special Forces, America's premier irregular fighters, to train on foreign soil if the training is designed primarily to benefit the U.S. troops.

While not secret, the training is sensitive enough that few in Congress are aware of it. The exercises have been

suspended this month as Colombia holds presidential elections. The law authorizing the special forces exercises does not require U.S. troops to abide by a State Department policy in

of any involvement in human rights abuses. Colombian troops trained by the special forces are not similarly vened.

It was under the same program, known as the Joint Combined Exchange Training, that American troops conducted 41 training exercises with Indonesia in the past seven years even though many members of Congress believed they had curtailed military ties with that country because of human rights abuses. Defense Secretary William Cohen suspended the Indonesia program two weeks ago because of turmoil in the country.

The Pentagon spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, said the United States' considered the joint training important be-cause "it allows us to train in different areas of the world and to learn how other

We did this under the terms of the

law," he said, "It was totally legal and reported to Congress.'

The training program has quietly pro-ceeded in Colombia as a civil war there has intensified and as Washington debates how to oppose drug trafficking from the world's top cocaine producer, where all centers of power — the military, the government and the guerrillas have been tainted by the drug trade.

While the United States is reluctant to get involved in counterinsurgency operanons, the line between the narcotics traffickers and the guerrillas bas

Senior administration officials said that an across-the-board assessment of Colombian policy was under way, involving the State Department, Defense because of a consensus that Colombia, the hemisphere's second-oldest democracy, is facing an escalating threat to its stability.

In recent months, the two Marxist guerrilla movements have inflicted heavy losses on government troops and now control about 50 percent of the country.

A recent Defense Intelligence

Agency report estimated that the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia has 15,000 troops and the National Liberation Army has 5,000 troops, a substantial increase from a year earlier.

U.S. Special Forces officers involved in the training program in Colombia say it plays an essential role in maintaining good relations with a long-standing U.S. ally. They also say that U.S. troops learn to operate in jungle and mountain ter-

Department and intelligence agencies, rain not found in the Uoited States and train for emergency evacuations of U.S. personnel and for fighting terrorism.

But the uneasy, broader U.S. relationship with Colombian authorities was highlighted this month when the United States revoked the visa of General Ivan Ramirez, inspector-general of the armed forces, over his alleged ties to

several army massacres of civilians. Two years ago the United States barred contacts with General Hernando Camilo Zuniga, then commander of the armed forces, because of suspected ties to drug traffickers.

Under heavy U.S. pressure, President Ernesto Samper on Tuesday disbanded the 20th Intelligence Brigade because of evidence that the unit was responsible for a series of murders of civilian poliocians and human rights activists.

Clinton Aides Reject Calls For Delay of His China Visit

By David Sanger

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's national security adviser says that "it would be an enormous mistake" to postpone Mr. Clinton's trip to China next month simply because of the political storm over the export of satel-

lite technology.
Nonetheless, White House officials are already scrambling to find diplo-matic offerings they can bring to Beijing without worsening the controversy, since many of the initiatives Mr. Clinton is considering would use access to U.S. satellites and joint space research as e lure for China to take further steps in limiting weapons proliferation.

Sandy Berger, the national security adviser, dismissed calls Sunday by virtually all the Republican leaders in Congress for Mr. Clintoo to cancel his trip. Among those leaders was the speaker

of the House, Newt Gingrich, who said in a television interview: "Until we know the truth about what was going on, it is very inappropriate for the president

Mr. Gingrich added that "it would be an embarrassment to both countries to have the meeting."

White House officials sey there is virtually oo chance Mr. Clinton will cancel plans for his meeting with Chinese leaders in late June, which Mr. Berger said comes at a crucial moment in relations with Beijing, Noting India's recent tests of nuclear weapons and the turmoil triggered by the Asian financial reer said. "China is key to all of those."

At the same time, a continuing criminal investigatioo and the opening of several congressional inquiries into the actions of two satellite makers are bound to affect the agenda of the trip, eccording to several officials and informal advisers to the administration on

'It's obvious that a lot of what we had hoped to offer in return for Chinese commitments on proliferatioo -- especially in the space and technology area — are going to have to be reviewed," one senior adviser to Mr. Clinton said. "That's just the political reality."

For example, a month ago administration officials were discussing with the Chinese the possibility of e blanket waiver of sanctions imposed after the killing of demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989. The waiver would allow China to faunch U.S.-made satellites without case-by-case presidential review. In return, the White House was looking for a commitment from China to join the Missile Technology Control Regime, the main international group that limits exports of missile technol-

But in the current political climate, that proposal appears all but dead.

Criticism From China

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Zhu Bangzao, in a statement carried Monday in the Communist Party's leading oewspaper, criticized recent amendments passed by the House that would prohibit U.S. satellite makers from using China's launch program and from using China's launch program and outlaw or limit transfers of nuclear and other sensitive technologies. The As-

sociated Press reported. Disregarding the norms of international relations, some members of Congress have advanced several anti-China resolutions and crudely interfered in China's internal affairs." Mr. Zhu said. "The Chinese side expresses strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition."



SCENE OF DISASTER — Bolivian soldiers sifting through debris in Aiquile. Strong earthquakes struck mountainous areas of Bolivia on Friday, killing 124 people and leaving 15,000 homeless.

Church Bombing Wounds 33

Illinois Attack, During Service, Is Second in 5 Months

DANVILLE, Illinois in the side of a church and wounded 33 people was caused by a bomb, federal au-

thorities said Monday. The blast Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church was year-old church volunteer. the second church bombing in the area in five months.

"We have determined that it was an explosive," said Jerry Springer, a special agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Residue from the explosive will be sent to a laboratory for

examination, be said.

An explosion that tore e hole damaged a church in Oakwood, ebout 15 miles (25 kilometers) from Danville. The blast at Oakwood United Methodist Church, which is still under investigation, killed a 46-

> About 300 people were worshipping in the Danville cburch when the explosion occurred. Parishioners had just bowed their heads in prayer when the blast rocked the church and white smoke filled the sanctuary.

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were treated and released. The force of the explosion shattered windows up to 300 feet (90 meters) away. Bits of glass and rwisted metal littered the street.

The Reverend Dennis Rogers said the lights went out as smoke filled the building.

"I couldn't see," he said. adding, "I told the people to move as quickly and quietly as you can out of the building.

Church members gathered Two girls, aged 14 and 15, afterward to pray "that anger would not rule, that we would More than e dozen federal dition with bead lacerations at not ask why, that we would agents were sent to the scene. a hospital in Urbana, Illinois. move on," he said.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Democrats Quaking in Maine

KITTERY, Maine - In recent days, the Democrats of Maine have been admitting painfully to thoughts of the unthinkable.

Could it be thet they will fare so poorly in the November elections that their candidate for governor will fail to garner even 5 percent of the vote? Could they thus face the ignominy of losing their

status as a "qualified party" uoder Maine law, and thus lose their right to hold e primary? Is the two-party system in danger in Maine? Political analysts geoerally stop right there and say:

No, it is not in danger. If you ran a yellow dog as the Democratic candidate for governor in Maine, they say, it would receive about 20 percent of the vote. But no ooe is denying that the Democrats here are in a political pickle, and it is all the fault of Governor Angus King Jr., the only independent U.S. governor.

After more than three years in office. Mr. King is so

well-regarded that he re favorability ratings of more than 80 percent. "He's like Clinton without the intern," said Rick Tyler, executive director of the Maine Republican Party. Though Mr. King has been on the losing side of two state plebiscites — ooe on forestry and one that rescinded Maine's gay-rights law — he has also shown himself capable of forging the legislative co-

alitions needed to get things done, including a delicate deal on spending the budget surplus this year. (NYT)

New \$1 Coin on the Horizon

WASHINGTON - Susan B. Anthony may bave been a great women's leader, but as a coin she was a

So Congress has ordered up a new, gold-colored \$1 coin to replace the dollar coin on which Anthony's image appears. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said last week that the new coin, to be issued in 2000, should offer the image of a woman, but not a living person. Candidates include Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt and Sacagawea, the Native American woman who helped guide Lewis and Clark. A committee will bold a hearing on the issue June 8 in Philadelphia. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

President Bill Clinton, after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, commented on the decision to exhume the remains of a Vietnam-era soldier for possible identification: "It was the right course of action because science bas given us a chance to restore his name and bring comfort to his family - and we

Away From Politics

• Americans believe college is worth the money but do not think it is affordable for most people, according to e poll conducted for the American Council on Education. Most people, bowever, are optimistic about being able to send their own children to college. The poll also found that most think college is more expensive than it is. (AP)

• Cardinal John O'Connor of New York has coodemned a proposal before the city council to make domestic partners the legal equals of married couples, calling it e violation of natural lew and a blow to traditional marriage as the "first and vivil cell of society."

• A US Airways flight from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles made an emergency landing in Oklahoma City after seven people suffered minor injuries wheo the Boeing 757 hit severe turbulence. (AP)

 A helicopter crashed on a four-lace highway, missing traffic but killing all five people aboard, the authorities in Monroe, North Carolina, said. (AP)



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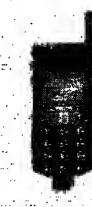
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With Estrada's Victory Certain, Everybody's in His Parade

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

MANILA - Suddenly, shining new stickers bearing the word "Erap" or "Estrada" are appearing on the bumpers of the hig vans and limousines that carry the elite of Metro Manila from their rambling homes in walled "villages" to the high-rise office huildings of Makati, the central business and financial district.

"They didn't stick them on during the election campaign." said Mike Cohen, a local newscaster. "They lookmuch too new.

Now the rich people think it's time to show their loyalty.

With just a few days to go before he is formally proclaimed the winner of the May 11 presidential election. Joseph (Erap) Estrada's bandwagon is turning into a victory parade.

Almost everyone except some of the politicians who ran against him for president seems to want to demonstrate af-

> By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

SEOUL - It's a drizzly afternoon

and the Seoul Racetrack is packed. The

fifth race of the day is about to get under

way, with a field led by thoroughbreds

named April Mistress, Diamond, Space

filled, the betting windows are jammed

with people trying to place their wagers, men with pencils and racing forms

crouch in the blue haze of cigarette

smoke in front of video monitors dis-

playing the odds. The crowd is over-whelmingly male, but a few families

with small children spread plastic sheets on the concrete infield and munch noodles and kimchi, while the horses

trot toward the starting gate.

Many South Korean industries are

suffering because of the economic crisis

that has swept the nation, but gambling

is not one of them. Since the nation

nearly went bankrupt in December,

people have been playing the ponies in

record numbers: as unemployment

unemployed to go, so people come here to spend their extra hours," said Kim

Myun Shik. 29, who lost his job with a

cleaning service two months ago, "We

'There aren't many places for the

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come here with hope.

All five tiers of the grandstand are

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Betting on Better Days

Jobless South Koreans Turn to Gambling

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track each race day.

fection for the former actor, who owes his mass popularity to his roles as an action hero in local films.

"He used to fight against the hullies in school," said Rafael Buenaventura, now a bank president, who was in the same class in an exclusive private school with Mr. Estrada until the future president was expelled after a fight with an American classmate.

Upper-class Filipinos who once were accustomed to laughing at Mr. Estrada because he did not graduate from col-lege and because of his self-confessed drinking and womanizing now tell stories about him in awe and admiration.

There is even a search on to find the American with whom he got into the schoolyard fight.

'If we find the right one, he'll be invited to the inauguration on June 30." said Domingo Siazon, the foreign sec-

The fact that "Estrada" was not even Mr. Estrada's last name in those days adds to the legend.

He loves to tell the story of how his father, an engineer, was so disgusted when his son dropped out of a local engineering college to become an actor that he asked him not to use the family name, Ejercito.

Mr. Estrada says he found "Estrada" in the phone book and had his name legally changed but may revert to Ejer-

cito after he becomes president.

Among millions of ordinary Filipinos, however, there is no need to engage

in myth-making.
"He is for the people," said Leonardo Hernandez, a construction worker in a typical comment. "He is not corrupt like all the others.'

Tales of Mr. Estrada's wealth — that he owns several opulent homes and comes from a rich family — are for-gotten by many who revere him for the populist image cultivated in his films. "We know he cares about us," said

Rolando Guzman, a cab driver.
His nickname, "Erap," was taken from pare, or frieod, spelled backward.

In a society inured to "salvagings"

— Philippine-English for assassinations - rumors of plots to kill Mr. Estrada make tabloid headlines but are difficult to believe.

'Too many people like him," said Flor Belino, a store clerk who voted unenthusiastically for one of Mr. Estrada's opponents.

"Anybody who tries anything against Erap will be killed."

Not even leftists who might object to Mr. Estrada's reliance on some of the country's wealthiest correpreneurs for campaign contributions have been upset enough to object to the results.

One reason may be that Mr. Estrada. in the shadows as vice president for the last six years under President Fidel Ramos, voted in 1991, while he was a senator, against renewal of the military bases agreement with the United

'The people have spoken,' said Hermie Padillo, a member of a leftist umbrella group that is often identified .

with the communists' National Democratic Front "Let's give him a chance.

On the streets of this sprawling meropolis, crowded with colonies of millions of squatters in the shadows of high-rise office towers and apartment blocks, people are willing to give a chance to almost anyone who gives an impression of being on their side in a constant battle for food and shelter.

"He will be better than Mr. Ramos," said Jimmy Cadagat as he sold cigarettes and candy on a street corner near

a row of flimsy, tin-roofed huts. The rich get richer and we get more

To Mr. Cadagat, it did not matter if Mr. Estrada was once close to Ferdinand Marcos, who was overthrown as president in the People Power Revolution of

"Marcos was a great man," said Mr. Cadagat, reflecting a widespread view among millions of poor Filipinos. "Erap will be like him.

The remains had been scheduled to be returned on May 15, but North Korea refused to turn them over because the United States wanted them transferred through the UN Command rather than accepting them directly. (AP)

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Pyongyang Returns Remains of 2 GIs

SEOUL - North Korea re-

turned two sets of remains on Mon-

day believed to be those of uniden-

tified U.S. soldiers killed in the

The remains were handed over to the American-led United Nations

Command at the village of Pan-

munjom in the Demilitarized Zone

separating North and South Korea.

China Sentences Muslims to Death BELING - A Chinese court has sentenced to death three Muslims belonging to the Uighur ethnic minority for rohhing and killing Chinese peasants, a court official

said Monday. But the BBC quoted local radio as saying the defendants were convicted of inciting separatist rebellion in the region of Xinjiang.

Xinjiang radio said the defendants had killed the three Chinese

peasants as part of a strategy of killing one to frighten thousands" of Chinese settlers in their homeland. (Reuters)

Burma Detains 16

RANGOON - Burma has detained at least 16 members of the opposition National League for Democracy in an attempt to halt a gathering planned to commemorate the party's 1990 electoral victory, opposition sources said Monday.

'At least 10 NLD representa-

tives in the Ayayawady division and two in the Magway division were picked up on May 22 and four others in the Bagu Division on May 21," a league source said.

But a government statement denied the opposition accusation. The opposition party had planned to hold the gathering Wednesday through Friday at the home of its leader, the Nobel laoreate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The meeting was to mark the eighth anniversary of the party's May 1990 election victory, which was not recognized by the junta. (Reuters)

When times are bad, people gamble. It's a fundamental law of human nature upon which places such as Las Vegas and Atlantic City have been huilt. And times don't get much harder than they are in South Korea these days. Middleclass families that have enjoyed a geoeration of comfort have been forced to sell cars and houses. Homelessness is increasing, suicide and crime are way up, and bettors placed \$20 million more in bets in the first three months of this year than they did during the same peri-Even though the course is open only

Unemployed workers hiding from the camera Monday at a public park in Seoul as they waited for free meals.

come in hopes of getting lucky and earning money to take home to their families," a track spokesman said. "To some, this is the only place they can turn when it comes to earning money. If they have no jobs and aren't being offered

any, where else can they go? Mr. Kim, the johless worker, sat on a bright blue plastic sheet in a lightly falling rain. He said he bets only about \$7 a day. Once he hit a 30-to-1 shot, he said, but he still loses as often as he

on Saturday and Sunday, more than 2.2 million people came to the races in January, February and March; more than 105,000 have been coming to the

"When times are tough, more people

don't bet that much, and I don't

use my savings," he said. "There's no ooe for us to lean on, so we come here to enjoy ourselves for a little while and maybe win a little money." Approached by a reporter at the track,

person after person shook his head and slunk away when asked why he had come. Few wanted to acknowledge that they were betting money they couldn't

Kim Dong Kyom, 31, a government

worker who came to the races in a suit and tie, said: "The reality is so dark that they're trying to get out, even through this tiny tunnel.

Suh Young Suk, a playwright with a betting form in his hand, said, "It's heartbreaking to see people with nothing benting against all odds."

He said many families used to go to amusement parks or other more expensive weekend entertainment spots. "But

this is cheaper, so when fathers lose their jobs they can't afford to go anywhere else, so they bring their families here." Lim Dong Ha, a taxi driver, said he had met unemployed people at the races

betting their pensioo money and their savines, and even people who had borrowed money from friends for a shot at the big score. "They have to have bope." Mr. Lim said. "There's always that maybe.

Pakistani Commandos Overpower 3 Hijackers

subdued three Pakistani student activ- unharmed. ists Monday after they tried to hijack a small plane to India 10 protest a possible nuclear test in their homeland.

The Fokker Friendship aircraft, with 29 people oo board, sat on the tarmac of the airport in Hyderabad in southern Sindh Province for eight hours while the hijackers negotiated with government

Army commandos overpowered the ijackers shortly before dawn Monday. An army major was wounded and one of

the hijackers slightly wounded in a ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Police scuffle. All the passengers were freed

Pakistan International Airline Flight 554 originated at the small airports of Turbat and Gwador in the remote Pakistani province of Baluchistan and was en route to the southern port ciry of Karachi when the hijackers showed themselves. They had boarded the air-

craft with pistols and grenades. The crew of the plane told the hijackers that the plane had crossed into Indian territory and landed in the Indian state of Rajasthan.

The hijackers wanted to go to New

Throughout the standoff, the hijackers believed that they were in India and that they were negotiating with Pakistan's ambassador to India, De-fense Ministry officials said. Their de-mands included a halt to plans for a possible nuclear test in Baluchistan.

Since neighboring India conducted three nuclear tests on May 11 and two on May 13, U.S. intelligence has detected signs that Pakistan is preparing a test site of its own in Baluchistan's Chagai region, near the border with Iran.

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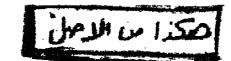
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By Stephen Buckley Washington Post Service

WELISSO, Ethiopia - In the dark days of Ethiopia's Marxist dictatorship. which ended in 1991. Mergia Hirko perpetually suffered a farmer's most humiliating indignity. Year after year, he could not feed his wife and their nine children.

Today, his family — he now cares for bis seven grandchildren - has more investing more money, providing farmthan enough to eat. In fact, he has moved out of a thatch-roofed hut and into a spacious, tin-roofed house. He can even afford to bny clothes for himself and the grandchildren.

we have enough food for my family," Mr. Mergia, 68, said, sitting outside his house in this town 125 kilometers (80 miles) west of Addis Ababa, the capital. We always had shortages in the past. We were always eating the donated

Mr. Mergia and bis family can eat because in the past five years this East African country has transformed its agricultural policy by, among other things, ers with more services and, perhaps most crops on the open market.

itself in a decade. Ethiopia, which endured one of Africa's most devastating famines just 14 years ago and has constantly struggled to produce enough food for its people, still has plenty of work to do. Farmers still depend primarily on rainfed crops, leaving them vulnerable to the vagaries of nature.

Last year, the country gol ton much important, allowing them to sell their rain and needed thousands of tons of ops on the open market.

food aid from foreign governments and have largely ignored, or sabotaged, Those changes in this nation of 60 relief groups. Yet no one is talking of their farmers for much of the past

Ethiopia "has a long way to go," but it has "come quite far," said Fayez Omar, the World Bank representative in the country. "Even in years where you don't have adequate rainfall, the gross domestic product doesn't shrink." he said. "In the old days, when rainfall was bad, GDP would be minus 6, minus 7 percent" from one year to the next.

Ethiopia's renewed focus on agricul-ture is part of a widening trend in sub-Saharan Africa, where governments randchildren. million people, 85 percent of them farm- farmine. And, just as significant, the set- three decades. Consequently, annual But "the most important thing is that ers, have led to a 100 percent increase in backs in agriculture did not send food production has lagged behind

production of principal grains since 1990. Some agricultural experts even predict that Ethiopia could be feeding Ethiopia "has a long way to go," but population growth in most countries.

These days, more governments allow farmers to sell their goods at market farmers to sell their goods at market prices, instead of forcing them to sell to a government grain board. They provide more credit, more seeds, more fertilizer. They are rushing to improve facilities to belp farmers get their goods to market.

And they are reaping the rewards. Ghana doubled its corn production from 1986 to 1996. Nigeria's com output leaped by 50 percent from 1990 to 1996. Mozambique, emerging from nearly two decades of civil conflict, has seen agricultural output grow 50 percent. In the past decade, Ugandans bave doubled or tripled production of several main

crops.

The rebirth of agriculture in Africa. where 65 percent of the people are farmers, bas come with help from such organizations as the Sasakawa Africa Association. Primarily through technical advice and training, the association, working with the Atlanta-based Carter Center, has belped such governments as Ethiopia's reshape agriculture policies

that strangled farmers for decades.

Throughout the continent, said Mario Quinones, who runs the Sasakawa project in Ethiopia, the problem has been "policies that don't encourage farmers to be more productive.

Perhaps nowhere were the govern-ment's policies more wrongheaded than in Ethiopia, a vast, verdant, mountainous country, in which most family huts are days from the nearest road. Mengistu Haile Mariam's dictatorial socialist regime, which ruled for 16 years and was known as the Dergue, forced peasants into cooperatives, stirring profound resentment among farmers who had to share their crops with less hard-working countrymen.

Farmers felt belpless. Security was such a problem that they never knew if they would return safely from the market. Government officials regularly snatched their sons away for army duty. On top of that, the Dergue made farmers sell crops to the state Grain Marketing Corp., which paid them prices that were sometimes one-fifth of what they could

get in an open market.

The regime of Meles Zenawi, who became president after his rebel group deposed the Dergue in May 1991 and is now prime minister, has largely dismantled those policies. "We are back on our plots, for one," Mr. Mergia said. 'We grow any crop we want. There's no fear. You do what you want for your-

The transformation here has not been total: it is still illegal to own land in Ethiopia, But Mr. Meles has fully embraced the Sasakawa Association's advice: Encourage the use of moderate amounts of fertilizer; provide more seeds and credit and provide more government agricultural experts to advise and belp farmers.

Those experts exhort farmers to, among other things, prepare their land properly, weed in a timely manner, plant seeds in rows. In 1993, only 167 farmers were using the techniques pushed by the government and the association. Last known as "the package," and by the end of this year, the total is expected to reach

3 million. Mr. Legese, who cares for seven children and his wife, mother and brother, more support from the extension serleases 10 hectares (25 acres) from the government. His crops include corn. wbeat, coffee and teff, the most popular staple grain in Ethiopia.

A few years ago, be owned one dairy cow and three oxen. Today, money from increased crop production the past two years has allowed him to buy seven more oxen, nine more cows for milking and 10 tions to acclimate Africans and other cattle that be is fattening up for their tare.

"There's a lot of improvement," said much of the gains.

Militants in Tehran

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Break Up Rally TEHRAN — Hard-line militants wielding sticks, stones and chains

broke up a pro-democracy rally in Tehran on Monday by about 2,000

students. At least 20 people, most of them students, were injured. Several were taken to bospitals.

Anti-riot police, in vans around the park where the rally was held, did not intervene initially when the students were attacked by about 60 militants affiliated with Ansar e-Hezbollah, or the Supporters of the Party of God. The police entered the fray after about 20 minutes to separate the two sides.

This rally is being held with permission from the Interior Ministry," the police shouted through builhorns. "Please allow them to

The militants, whose ranks even-mally swelled to about 400, heckled the police and called for the resignation of the liberal interior minister, Abdullah Nouri, whom they described as incompetent. (AP) described as incompetent.

Leader of Qatar Wants Constitution

KUWAIT — Qatar will have a constitution and will try to emulate Kuwaiti democracy by the beginning of the next century. Qatar's emir was quoted Monday as saying.

The emir, Sheikh Hamad ibn Khalifa al Thani, told a Kuwaiti press delegation visiting Qatar that he planned to "set up a team that would draft the country's constitution." His remarks were published by Kuwait's Ar Ra't al 'Aam daily.

The Gulf emirate does not allow popular participation in decision-making. It bas an advisory council appointed by the emir, but the council lacks legislative powers. (AP)

For the Record

Winter rains finally fell in Honduras over the weekend after an eight-month dry season, putting out forest fires and dispersing a thick blanket of smoke that choked the country for weeks, meteorologists said. The rains are expected to continue for several days. (Reuters)

Struggling to regroup after two resounding rejections by voters in Nicaragua, the country they once ruled, the leftists of the Sandinista National Liberation Front clung to their top leaders at the party's convention last weekend. The delegates elected two former comandantes. Daniel Ortega and Tomas Borge, to head a 15-member National Direc-

Mr. Legese, 38. "I'm able to get better seeds, especially for corn, and now I have more crops, like wheat. We also get

vices than before." Like Mr. Legese's yields, Mr. Mergia's have been overwhelming. He used to eke out about a ton of corn per bectare before trying the new techniques. Now he gets five to six times as much yield per hectare. He once grew 1,300 to 1,400 pounds of teff per bectare; now he reaps 4,000 pounds, sometimes 6,000 per hec-

He credits the agricultural advisers for

HONG KONG: A Victory for Democrats

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Asian, they all want to be free. That's

what we showed on Sunday."
Practically speaking, Mr. Lee's victory is a hollow one. Election rules written by the Hong Kong government ensured that his party, the Democratic Party, would only win a minority of the 60 seats at stake in the Legislative Council.

Although they got by far the most votes, final results gave the Democrats and their allies 20 seats, Fifteen of their and their allies 20 seats, Fifteen of their seats were directly elected while five came from Functional Consutuencies—
such professional groups as doctors,

Mr. Patten moved to increase demosuch professional groups as doctors, lawyers and information technology

will dominate the hody.

But morally, Mr. Lee's comeback

in Hong Kong.

I think the people have spoken very loudly and clearly, said Emily Lau, a former journalist whose populist Frontier movement won three seats.

"They support democracy," she said.
"I certainly hope the people in Beijing would be watching closely."

Flocking to vote through flooding villages in Hong Monare New Torsionian

lages in Hong Kong's New Territories the misconception that they are an apathetic, money obsessed lot, although one clothing store did a brisk business offering T-shirts at 40 percent off to

voters only. we care and we want further steps to- cent of registered voters cast ballots. In ward democracy." said Samuel Kui, an

to call for a debate on the pace of demo-

cratization in Hong Kong. Under the basic caw, the Hong Kong constitution that forms part of an agreement between China and Britain to maintain Hong Kong's capitalist and wars in a 25-year career with The Aswere directly elected in this vote. That day. He was 85. number is to rise to 24 in 1999, to 30 by

2003 or 2004. directly elected. But Mr. Tung, the for as long as 15 years, sources said.

'We have put democracy at the fore- the war was being won. front of our campaign platform." Mr.

this issue. "We believe this tremendous increase in voter turnout means that people want democracy. We owe it to

our people to fight for it."

Mr. Lee and the rest of his allies were removed from the legislature by Beijing shortly after midnight on June 30 last year as Hong Kong was handed over to China after 156 years of British rule.

China replaced Mr. Lee and his followers with a pliant group of pro-Beijing businessmen because Beijing opposed

cratic participation in Hong Kong in the workers who voted separately.

Hong Kong's democrats will be blocked from introducing legislation and denied any sort of check on government plans. Pro-China candidates will deminate the holy. ten with China's guidance, that number was cut to 139,000.

But morally, Mr. Lee's comeback along with the record-setting turnout of 53 percent marked an important moment only five out of 30 of the Functional Constituency seats, they got 68 percent of the approximately 80,000 ballots cast in that part of the election. One pro-Beijing candidate won in a Functional Constituency race by gaining only 26 votes because the number of eligible voters was so small.

Opposition candidates did not com-

ete at all in one part of the election, in which 10 seats were chosen by a comand under waterfalls cascading from the tenements of Mongkok and Kowloon Tong. Hong Kong's people also buried those people had been appointed by the colonial governor.

Michael DeGolver, an American political scientist who has been studying Fering T-shirts at 40 percent off to Hong Kong's transition to Chinese rule, said the high turnout was the most significant development. In 1995, 35 per"Tevenge voting" and anger at Mr. that Hong Kong had become too We 1991, the first time Hong Kong directly



"revenge voting" and anger at Mr. that Hong Kong had become too West-Tung led to the increase this time. emized, too modern.

People, he said, were voting against

"Tung sounded like a Qing Dynasty

Mr. Lee. in an interview, vowed that his first move in the legislature would be Robert B. Tuckman, AP Stalwart, Dies at 85

LONDON - Robert B. Tuckman, who covered the Korean and Vietnam cades. pluralist system for the 50 years after the sociated Press, died in London where he 1997 handover, 20 of the council's seats lived in retirement, his family said Mon-

umber is to rise to 24 in 1999, to 30 by
003 or 2004.

By 2007, the whole council could be
Mr. Tuckman, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor and liver cancer several weeks ago, died Sunday night.

He spent two and a half years in Beijing-appointed chief executive, re- Vietnam and, as the AP's chief corcently told U.S. diplomats that he was respondent in 1967-68, directed covthinking of delaying that commitment erage of the Communist Tet offensive that shattered official U.S. claims that Americas at El Al Israel Airlines and

He retired in 1969 to the Seychelles at British Airways. Lee said, pledging to battle Mr. Tung on Islands, but soon tired of the slow pace

of life there and returned to London. lobbying campaign to overcome where he lived for nearly three de-

David Schneider, 77. Led Fight for Concorde

NEW YORK (NYT) - David Schneider, 77, who as an executive for British Airways led the successful fight to bring the supersonic Concorde to New York, died May 1 of cancer at his bome

in New York City.

A native of New York City, Mr. Schneider was the chief executive for the before that a senior marketing executive

During the late 1970s, he headed the American society.

opposition to New York landing rights for the Concorde.

Frank C. Montero, 89, Director of Urban League OBERLIN, Ohio (AP) - Frank C. Montero, 89, a former associate exec-

utive director of the National Urban League, died May 8. During bis tenure with the league, Mr. Montero directed a foundation that brought African students to the United States. He also ran a program for the United States Mission to the United Na-

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ical wing of the Irish Republican province for the new joint assembly Army, on Monday rejected calls for that will bring Roman Catholics and the IRA to hand over its arms, saying Protestants together for the first time, arms. "dead-end issue."

The rebuff to calls for the IRA to disarm came from the Sinn Fein leader, Gerry Adams, despite a resounding vote for peace in last Friday's

public and Northern Ireland, the IRA government, and other paramilitary organizations must disarm within two years.

out of the decommissioning issue the first time. were "going down a cul-de-sac."

"It is not the issue," he said. "The for on Friday. Let's not be pursuing weapons was an "indispensable

BELFAST — Sinn Fein, the politdead-end issues." With preparations part" of the agreement. Unionists promised that legislation would be that decommissioning weapons is a the decommissioning issue has come to the fore.

The votes north and south of the border in favor of the peace plan -71.12 percent in Northern Ireland and 18 vote for peace in last Friday's 94.39 percent in the Irish Republic — Unionist Party.

Under the peace accord backed in 108-member body, which will be an unionist Party.

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The party's leader. David Trimble.

Who is likely to become the prime IRA could make "a gesture" over its

Under the agreement, Northern Ire-fused to meet Mr. Adams. land is to become semi-autonomous, Mr. Adams' deputy, Pat Doherty, remaining part of Britain but allowing said that those seeking to make capital Dublin a formal say in its future for

have said that they would oot sit with drawn up with the proviso that parties Sinn Fein in a future assembly if its must prove their commitment to nonmilitary branch did not hand over its violence before they could be rep-

Mr. Adams said that there were Fein and moderates in the main Protestant party in the province, the Ulster

simultaneous votes in the Irish Reessential part of the province's future wind is takely to decede the printer and arsenal to help the party enter the tonomous Northern Ireland, has re- assembly.

Mr. Trimble's deputy, John Taylor. warned Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain that the whole peace deal would "crumble" if the prime min-Britain's deputy secretary for ister did not keep his promise to ex-Northern Ireland, Paul Murphy, said clude from the assembly any party ister did not keep his promise to ex- month.

resented in future assemblies.

Mr. Adams has stated that the terms other issues as important, such as agreed to last month in the peace starting direct talks between Sinn accord cannot be changed. For his party, dentilizarization most include the withdrawal of British troops sta-

John de Chastelain, head of the international supervising committee that will oversee the handing in of paramilitary weapons, said that procedures would be in place within a

He said, however, that it was vital issue is the document that we voted for on Friday. Let's not be pursuing weapons was an "indispensable still linked to an armed group. that there was "movement early on" During the peace talks, Mr. Blair in the process to recover all weapons.

Kohl Gains Ground in Polls

But Opposition Still Holds the Lead, 43% to 37%

rallied behind him last week, pollsters said months to pull ahead.

election, the Forsa and Emnid polling Guellner said. groups said Mr. Kohl had picked up a badly The Forsa p

Polisters said Mr. Kohl, who has been trailing Mr. Schroeder for months in his bid for a record fifth term, also benefited from Democrats, rose one point, to 6 percent. fresh doubts about Mr. Schroeder's au-

thority over the Social Democratic Party. Party leaders in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt defied Mr. Schroeder recently to form a government relying on the support of the Party of Democratic Socialism, the

ported from Bonn.

Forsa, in a survey of 1,971 voters conducted last week, found the Christian Democrats gained two points, to 37 percent, white the Social Democrats slipped two points, to 43 percent. Emnid's poll showed the Christian Democrats gaining two points, to 37 percent, and the Social Democrats steady at 43 percent.

The gains were the first solid uptum for ment. Mr. Kohl's party since February and the opposition's lead is now at its narrowest point since March. Mr. Schroeder has led Mr. Kohl by up to eight points in many leading polls over the last two months.

"The big question is whether this is the will have enough time to catch up," Manfred Guellner, research director at Forsa,

pick up at least four points by late June."

Mr. Guellner said Mr. Kohi's 1994 BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who comeback had its roots at a similar party has made a career of death-defying political congress in Hamburg. But be said it took comebacks, has cut the gap with Gerhard three months after the February 1994 control of the control Schroeder, the challenger, after his party gress for Mr. Kohl to catch up and a few

"It's questionable whether there is With four months to go to September's enough time for a comeback this time," Mr.

groups said Mr. Kohl had picked up a badly needed lift at the congress of the Christian Democratic Union in Bremen.

The Forsa poll put support for the Free Democrats, junior partners in Mr. Kohl's coalition, down one point, at 4 percent.
Support for the environmentalist Greens,
who want to form a coalition with the Social

■ Bonn Spokesman Dismissed

The German government's chief spokesman, Peter Hausmann, has been dismissed from his post only four months ahead of the general election, Agence France-Presse reported from Bonn.

dation, President Roman Herzog approved Otto Hauser, a member of Parliament from the Christian Democratic Union, as Mr.

Hausmann's replacement. Mr. Hauser, 45, will continue bis duties

start of a turnaround and whether the CDU as a legislator while acting as the gov-

emment's chief spokesman. Mr. Hausmann, 47, had been chief govemment spokesman, which is equal to the "My best guess is that it is not yet a rank of state secretary, since March 1995, turnaround. The next three to four weeks He worked previously as a radio journalist." are critical for the CDU. To have a chance to before entering politics, joining the Chriswin in September, they are going to have to tian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of the Christian Democrats,

BRIEFLY

EU Agrees on Arms Exports

BRUSSELS — European Union governments agreed Monday to a code of conduct on arms exports aimed at curbing the supply of lethal equipment to authoritarian regimes that are tikely to use them for internal repression or external aggression.

Under the code, EU governments have given a political, but not legally binding, commitment to refrain from issuing export licenses for arms if there is a "clear risk" they will be used in buman rights abuses.

For the first time, the code establishes a set of common criteria that should lead to export licenses being re-The code also creates a mechanism for EU gov-

emments to consult and inform each other about such decisions in order to ensure that an ethical stance adopted by one state is not undercut by others.

Bonn to Raise Nuclear Safety

BONN — Environment Minister Angela Merkel sought Monday to contain the political repercussions from a nuclear contamination scandal by announcing a 10-point plan to improve security and transparency in the

Mrs. Merkel, who faced calls to resign over revelations last week of contaminated German nuclear waste shipments, has been given the firm backing of the gov-

"The loss of public confidence is considerable," Mrs. Merkel said. She said the new plan involved improved supervision of the shipments and communication between government officials and nuclear utilities.

Few Surprises in Italian Voting

ROME - Confirming past trends, Italians voted for mayoral candidates from an antonomy-seeking party in the north and center-right provincial leaders in Sicily,

projections showed Mooday: Nearly 10 million people scattered throughout Italy voted Sunday in 519 mayoral elections and 12 elections for provincial president. The balloting is seen as baving few consequences for the center-left government of Prime Minister Romano Prodi.

Swiss Bank Answers Critics

ZURICH - Switzerland's ate." central bank expressed profound regret on Monday that it "unwittingly" bought gold that Nazi Germany stole from Holocaust victims, but added that it saw no need to make more amends for its wartime Holocaust victims.

role.
"The Nadonal Bank regrets most profoundly that in accepting gold deliveries from the Reichsbank it may unwittingly also have acquired gold deriving from victims of concentration camps," the central bank said in a statement

It was reacong to a report from an international panel of historians made public earlier Monday that showed that Hitler's central bank deposited 119.5 kilograms (263 pounds) of gold from death camps at the Swiss Nacional Bank, more than the 37 kilograms mentioned in a U.S. government report last year.

The Swiss National Bank noted that it had already donated 100 million Swiss francs (\$68 million) to a humanitarian fund set up by banks and other private companies to help needy victims of the Holocaust

"The report of the commission of experts contains no elements that would call for a fundamentally modified assessment of the National Bank's policy during the Second World War," the bank said.

"The governing board

sures taken so far appropri- \$2.5 billion today, officials

The historians' report said that the central bank, the tional Bank officials knew biggest buver of gold from the getting gold stolen from

The report by an internatinnal panel appointed by the Swiss government confirmed that the Swiss National Bank the Reichsbank and handled

would be worth more than the 190-page report said.

have said. The report said Swiss Na-

that Germany was stealing Nazis, made no effort during gold both from the central the war to ensure it was not banks of occupied countries and from individuals, including Jews and other inmates of death camps

"As of 1941, the board of governors became increasingly aware that Jews and othbought gold worth \$280 mil- er persecuted group were belion at wartime prices from ingrobbed, and in 1943 at the latest the SNB had knowlfurther shipments to other edge of the systematic extermination of victims of the The gold the bank bought Nazi regime." a summary of



Spain's Dirty War' Trial Starts or Basque Homeland and MADRID - A former in- Liberty, was particularly ac- of Mr. Barrionuevo during terior minister, Jose Barri- ove. The GAL killed at least the investigative phase of the

on trial Monday, accused of beiog involved in a kidnapping linked to an alleged government "dirty war" against Basque separaosts.

The Supreme Court trial ping of a Spanish-born French business executive, Segundo Liberation Group, or GAL.

GAL was allegedly set up by the Socialist government at a time when the armed Basque separatist group ETA,

southern France.

Mr. Barrionuevo said be was not guilty as be arrived at stems from the 1983 kidnap- sear on the first day of the trial. He was applauded by a few dozen supporters who the shadowy Anti-terrorist crowd later insulted another of the accused, Jose Amedo, a

former police officer, as be entered the courthouse on his way to becoming the first to testify in the hearing.

onuevo, and 11 others went 27 suspected members of case played a major part in sympathizers of ETA be- getting the former minister tween 1983 and 1987 in included among the dozen men accused.

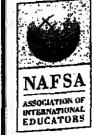
In his restimony Monday, the former policeman retold the Supreme Court to take his his account of Mr. Marey's abduction in southern France after the business execuove bad been mistaken for a bit-Marey, - the first action of bad gathered outside. A man of ETA, national Spanisb radio reported.

Mr. Amedo also repeated his claim that Mr. Barrionuevo was fully aware of the details of the kidnapping, the

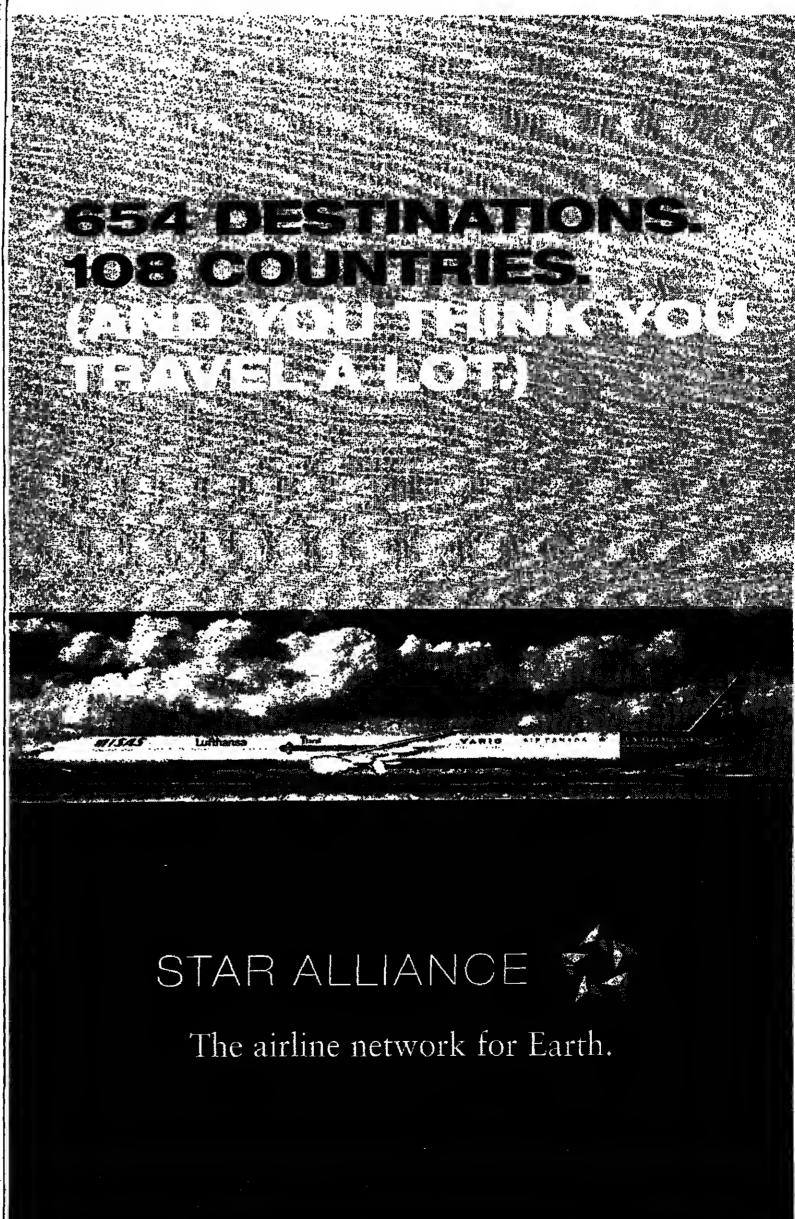
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Habibie's Burdens

B. J. Habibie is only the third president in Indonesia's 50-year postcolonial history, but he assumes office with two heavy burdens that could make his tenure brief.

Mr. Habibie's first problem is Indonesia's months-old economic crisis. Touted only a year ago as a model of poor-country development, this archipelago nation of 210 million is growing poorer by the day. Its currency is worth a quarter of its 1997 value, factories have pretty much stopped working and unemployment is on the rise. Two weeks of political protest and one night of vengeful rioting have scared away whatever investors remained. Mr. Habibie has pledged to adhere to an economic restructuring program approved by the International Monetary Fund. But at best such a program will not bring the quick relief many Indonesians expect, and Mr. Habibie's record of support for state-sponsored industrial boondoggies has left many people skeptical of his reform credentials.

The new president's second burden, in a country agitating for more democracy, is his close association with the now discredited ex-president, Snharto. Mr. Habihie was an integral part of a corrupt and repressive regime, not only as a Suharto protégé but as an official whose family and close rela-

tives themselves control or partly own 80 enterprises, according to the Jakarta Post. His recent conversion to the cause of clean government and anti-nepotism again remains to be proved.

Yet many Indonesians seem ready at least to give Mr. Habibie and his new government a chance. The spasm of mob looting and arson that caused uncounted damage and sent expatriates fleeing frightened many people and left them welcoming at least an interval of calm. And even many democracy advocates say a period of economic stabilization should precede elections.

How long that period should be re-

mains much in dispute. Some leading opposition figures, and even some members of Mr. Habibie's cabinet, are calling for a vote within a year. Other government officials seem to think that Mr. Habibie can serve the full five-year term Mr. Suharto recently had awarded himself. Either way, Indonesians will be looking for early and meaningful signs of political reform, including a freeing of political prisoners, an end to press censorship and the legalization of peaceful political activity by a broad spectrum of parties and organizations. A clear commitment to a transition to democracy would give Mr. Habibie his

best shot at overcoming his handicaps.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Nuclear Neighbors

If Pakistan tests ouclear weapons, as many expect. South Asia will have a pair of hostile nuclear powers. While a nuclear standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union may have helped to keep the Cold War from becoming a hot war, Pakistan and India face a more unstable equation. Measures the superpowers employed to reduce mutual mistrust would be useful, but even their adoption would leave Sooth Asia in peril of a nuclear conflict.

The United States and the Soviet Uoion were political adversaries that set up hot lines and summit meetings to make their conflict more manageable and predictable. The religious divisions between India and Pakistan - nations that have gone to war three times in 50 years - are more personal and visceral.

The superpowers were also fortunate to be separated by oceans, eliminating border tensions that could escalate into a crisis. For Pakistan and India, contiguity produces constant friction. The two armies often shoot at each other in the disputed province of Kashmir.

Anti-Muslim riots, which India has seen often, could also lead to a crisis. Unlike the superpowers, India and Pakistan will bave small, poorly protected nuclear stocks. No nation in that

situation can be sure that its weapons could survive a nuclear attack. Each, then, has the incentive to launch a

In addition, India and Pakistan have only rudimentary intelligence systems to help assess threats. Without sophisticated satellites to track enemy forces in a crisis, they may assume the worst. A missile would need only about 10 minntes to find its target, which adds to the pressure to launch missiles rather than wait and possibly lose them.

The two countries have hot lines, but these are not often used constructively even during crises. India and Pakistan agreed to notify each other of military movements and promised not to fly military aircraft near the border. But both nations routinely violate these

Even with their advantages, the United States and the Soviet Unioo came close to a ouclear exchange several times. The most serious was during the Cuban missile crisis, but there were also several times when intelligence failures almost provoked a launch. It will be harder to avoid a confrontatioo in the atmosphere of mistrust, tension and irresponsibility

The Message in Indonesia: Retire the Rubber Stamp ahead for Indonesians, and they will as the greatest threat to military unity, By Adam Schwarz

WASHINGTON — Right until the bitter end, President Suharto still didn't get it. In a last-ditch effort to stave off calls for his ouster, Mr. Suharto dredged op the prospect — frightening in his view and in that of many others—of having Vice President B. J. Habibic

take over the top spot.

The gambit failed, not because others disagreed with his assessment of Mr. Habibie's political skills but because they found the prospect of Mr. Suharto's

staying on still more frightening. But if Mr. Suharto had understood better the reasons be was being forced out, be would have sought another solution. In his earlier, halfhearted attempt at resignation, on May 19, Mr. Suharto had taken a more sensible approach. By calling for new elections, he addressed the core problem facing Indooesia: the government's need to acquire a sense of legitimacy, a task that can only be accomplished by seeking a new, and this time genuine, mandate

from the Indonesian people. The mechanics of bow Indonesia decide. But it is clear, and bas been for a long time, that the tightly managed process that has rubber-stamped Mr. Suharto's continuation in power once every five years is not nearly enough. Mr. Suharto and the military lead-

ership are to be commended for achieving a constitutional transfer of power. But constitutionality goes only so far. The I,000 carefully screened members of the People's Consultative Assembly, who last met in March, scrupulously obeyed constitutional norms in eodorsing Mr. Suharto's wish to

stay in power. But as Indonesians in recent months have eloquently expressed, following constitutional formalities falls a long way short of conferring legitimacy. And the same sense of illegitimacy that eventually undermined Mr. Suharto's rule applies equally to President Habibie, whose selection as vice president in March was resisted even by many members of the otherwise compliant assembly.

Mr. Habibie comes to power facing a deep-rooted crisis in both the economic and political arenas. He does so with a limited base of support, an unimpresgoes about this are up to Indonesians to sive reputation as an economic manager and a political image deeply associated with Mr. Suharto's now discredited authoritarian approach.

Tackling the economic crisis effectively will require a leader with geon-

not make them without assurances that sacrifices will be allocated equitably and in a way designed to benefit the nation as a whole. It is hard to cooceive how Mr. Habibie can convince Indonesians on this score without testing his legitimacy in new elections.

In the meantime, Mr. Habibie will need to persuade a skeptical population that his presidency will not condone the sort of rampant corruption that marked Mr. Subarto's rule. Ensuring that Mr. Subarto's children repay the billions lent to them by state-owned banks would be a good start.

Mr. Habibie also needs to come out

stroogly against ethnic violence and convince the country's economically important and now deeply traumatized ethnic Chinese minority, much of which has long suspected Mr. Habibie of being anti-Chinese, that it has a secure future in Indonesia.

The military has a key role to play in reforming the political structure. The armed forces commander, General Wiranto, has wasted little time in coosolidating his control over the military. His dismissal of Mr. Suharto's soo-inlaw, General Prabowo Subianto, from command of the Strategic Reserve is welcome news to many Indooeine legitimacy. Sharp sacrifices lie sians who viewed General Prabowo

General Prabowo and his allies, some of whom are also likely to be shunted aside, bad cultivated close ties with certain Muslim groups over the past year. Their abrupt removal raises the risk of a deteriorating relationship between the Islamic community and the military. The military needs to walk a careful line between justifiably opposing sectarian voices from certain elements of the Muslim community and unjustifiably returning to its past practice of suspecting all Muslim involvement in politics.

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If Indonesia is to become more democratic, Muslim voices oeed to be heard and Muslim concerns need to be addressed. In a nation that is 88 percent Muslim, you cannot bave one without the other. The military's best chance for avoiding a renewal of military-Islamic enmity is to lend its support to a well-thought-out but irrevocable process of political reform. A first step would be acknowledging the practical necessity of new elections.

The writer is the Edward R. Murrow fellow at the Council an Fareign Relations and the author of "A Nation in Waiting: Indonesia in the 1990s." He contributed this comment to the Internatianal Herald Tribune.

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that clouds South Asia today.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Hong Kong Votes With Its Feet for a Greater Voice

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — In this year of revolutions in Asia, even Hong Kong has not been exempted from a demand for political participation and a wider distribution of economic power. Hong Kong's legislative

elections had been widely seen as a three-way fight among democracy advocates; pro-Beijing allies of the administration and apathy. The outcome Sunday was more complex. Apathy was the higgest loser,

again disproving the insulting theory, much loved by foreign businessmen, that Hong Kong's people care only about money. Braving thunderstorms and flash floods, 53 percent of the voting population turned out, even though these voters could choose only a third of a legislature that itself would have limited power over a self-proclaimed "executive led" government. The other two-thirds were choseo indirectly or by narrow electorates, mostly representing business and professional groups.

The next biggest loser was the business sector, as represented by the Liberal Party. Although it

has the largest number of "funcon second-guessing by locals trying to ingranate themselves by promoting "pariotism." The tional constituency" seats representing professions such as democrats also wisely steered clear of mainland polines. doctors, lawyers and teachers — the party failed to win a single

The election showed above all The biggest winners were the that Hong Kong's people want pro-democracy candidates, more participation in governmostly under the banner of the ment. They voted with their feet by just going to the polls. They want "Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong" — Beijing's slo-Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong, or DAB. Broadly speaking, the more outspoken they were, the better they gan - to mean something. Whether they support or opdid. They again showed themselves much more popular than pro-Beijing candidates.

pose Beijing-backed parties. they want the opportunity to influence events. That will keep up pressure to broaden the franchise. It also will strengthen the hand of those within the DAB wbo would like the party to be more identified with representative government and to avoid being seen as puppets either of Beijing or the administration of Chief Executive

Tung Chec-hwa. The result could lead to frustration if Mr. Tung's governprised at its hands-off policy and ment ignores the populace, reblame any erosion of autonomy fuses to expand the franchise

directly elected members should carry far more weight than those elected by a few dozen insiders. But for the moment Mr. Tung can claim that people take the system. however flawed, seriously.

The second lessoo of the elecdon was that people want a government that listens more to the broad interests of the populace than to the particular interests of certain business groups.

It may not suit the stockbrokers and fund managers, but most Hong Kong people want lower property prices and a massive home-building program, oot the high property prices favored by a clique of mega-rich developers.

Mr. Tung himself is torn between a desire to help bis old pals the developers and popular demand, backed by the DAB. that he press ahead with bousing plans regardless of their impact on developers' profits.

The populace also has shown its concern with a labor importation scheme pushed by the government despite fast-rising

and fails to acknowledge that unemployment. Business leaders want to make Hong Kong more competitive by depressing wages rather than by slashing still sky-high asset valoes or by investing in new skills - or by devaluing the currency.

The vote also showed the depth of public concern about the environment. Following various recent scares there is a sense that air pollution and ahysmal standards of public bygiene have resulted from govemment surrender to the interests of small but influential groups. Real living standards of the majority bear no relationship to GDP data, which show per capita income bigher than the

European Union average. There is thus in Hong Kong a low-key enactment of the interaction of political and economic demands that have generated change around the region. It is so moderate that even Beijing can be relaxed about it. But Hoog Kong has realized that it must make the best of sucb democratic opportunities as it has.

Memorial Day

Part of the common experience of a dwindling generation of Americans is this: For two years, or three or four, more than a half-century ago, they awoke each day thinking of someooe who was away at war, and with a dull fear in the hack of their minds. Wheoever an unfamiliar, official-looking car appeared on the block, their bearts dropped. If a military officer got out, they prayed it wasn't their door he was coming to. They knew the message he carried. Lives were being lost every day overseas, and others shattered all over the United States. The same experience, though oo a lesser scale, was to be repeated a few years later, in Korea, and then again in Vietnam.

Memorial Day oratory does not have much of a following in these times. But perhaps a reminder of the day-in, dayout dread and sacrifice of wartime (both magnified many times for those in the fighting) carries meaning anyway. It brings home the reality of how much was given up: the presence of beloved family members, for years or perhaps forever; the security and well-being of families; community ties; livelihoods. For those of us who today measure sacrifice in promotions forgone to speod more time with the kids. or in driving a smaller car to make the tuition payments, it is useful some-

times to think of the real thing.

The loss and disruption of war has not, at least in the 20th century, been something we Americans marched into with flags flying and drums beating. Our modern wars have been far away, and for causes oot always well understood by all. Those who fought in them often did so reluctantly. Yet, although they have been among the least coerced armed forces in history, they bave given up their lives or health or futures because they saw it as their inescapable duty to honor the decision of their freely elected government - a decision that such sacrifice was justified and necessary. Today few of us are called on to give up so much; we owe our thoughts to those who were. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Kohl's Comeback

Half a miracle is better than none. Despite all his efforts, Helmut Kohl may well lose the German general election in September. But at least "the old warhorse" - as the chancellor proudly calls himself these days - has managed, against the odds, to convince his demoralized forces that victory is still possible.

After a fighting two-bour speech on May 18 at the congress of his Christian Democratic Union in Bremen, the chancellor won a 10-minnte standing ovation and ceaseless chants of "Helmut! Hel-mnt!" Even veterans of his 25 years as party boss, 16 of them as head of government, could not recall anything quite like it.

"The great chairman" treated the 1,000 delegates to a heady mix of idealism, pathos, irony — and Olympian disdain for his Social Democratic challenger, Gerhard

-The Economist (London).

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In Britain, Memories of Japanese Barbarity Still Rankle

ONDON - The state visit to Britain by Emperor Akihito of Japan that begins Tuesday will test to the limit claims of any British-Japanese "special relationship." Politicians and diplomats may boast about the role of Japanese investment in Britain's industrial renaissance, but British public opinion has

not forgooen the Pacific war. Tony Blair and Ryutaro Hashimoto want to promote the politics of reconciliation. Mr. Hashimoto stresses Japan's contribution to British husiness and hopes that the two countries

can "go forward together."
But Toyota and Sony factories on "greenfield" sites cannot cancel out the barbarisms of the Thai-Burma railway or Singapore's Changi jail, where thousands of British prisoners died during World War II.

By Roger Buckley and William Horsley The state visit is being over- by the one-time payment by Ja-

war of the Japanese plan to insult the emperor by turning their backs on him as he goes to Buckingham Palace. A leader of the former POWs described the decision to invest Emperor Akihito with Britain's highest order of chivalry as a "kick in

directly elected seat.

But this divide into pro- and

anti-Beijing groups is more complicated than it used to be.

Beijing is the sovereign power,

so there were none of the iden-

tifications with China or Britain

Nor could the pro-democracy

groups win points on the

grounds that Beijing had been interfering in Hong Kong's af-

fairs. Even Beiging's most strident critics have been sur-

seen in earlier elections.

the teeth" to the veterans. A group of ex-POWs is still pressing its demand in a Tokyo court for substantial financial compensation from Japan for the physical and mental injuries suffered. The former prisoners reject the stance of their own government that the compensation question was settled forever at the time of the San

shadowed by those harrowing pan of £76 each to survivors of the Japanese camps.

At the center of this row are Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. They were children when the war ended. The issue of imperial war guilt was quickly disposed of in 1945 by General Douglas MacArthur, the supreme Allied commander who took charge of Japan's occupation. His aim was to restore stability as quickly as possible. At his first meeting with Hirohito, Akihito's father, MacArthur dismissed the emperor's reported offer to take responsibility for the war and pronounced him

'the first gentleman of Japan." Japan suffered greatly after the collapse of its Asian empire. Francisco peace treaty in 1951 In the battlefields of the Pacific

soldiers were burned alive by flamethrowers as they hid in caves. The firebombing of Tokvo was even more destructive than that of Dresden. It was followed in August 1945 by the first and only atomic bombings in history.

The Tokyo war crimes tribunal sentenced General Hideki Tojo and other wartime leaders to death. Hundreds of Japanese prison camp guards and other military personnel were executed for war crimes elsewhere in Asia.

The potential for embarrassment now is high because the emperor is constrained by the American-imposed postwar constitution, and by tradition, not to involve himself in politics. Whatever his own feelings, Emperor Akihito is unlikely to make a formal apology for the brutal treatment of the POWs.

In this combusuble atmosphere, the vitriolic anti-Japaoese campaign in some Brinsh oewspapers has helped no one, certainly not the former prisoners. Yet it would be wrong to brush the war issues aside.

The British prison camp survivors are expressing feelings about Japan's responsibility that are widely shared in Europe and Asia. In the early postwar years, Japan paid reparations to many Asian countries, but in

islands, thousands of Japanese recent years it has fought off the compensation claims of thousands of former "comfort women" from China, Korea and elsewhere, who were enslaved as sex workers for the Japanese imperial army.

There are other obstacles. too, including the practice of watering down the true picture of Japanese wartime atrocities in school history textbooks. The recent launch in Tokyo of a film about Tojo, extolling Japan's wartime leader as a nationalist hero, only compounds donbts ahout Japanese attitudes.

The emperor's state visit to Britain ought to be an occasion to celebrate a relationship that overall is in excellent shape. But more imaginative gestures are called for to settle the legacy of the past.

Japan and Britain might usefully look to an example from Europe, and copy the joint reconciliation fund recently set up by the German and Czech governmeots to support the victims of Nazism in their old age. Then both Britain and Japan could finally bury the past and really go forward together.

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Canaries in America's Schoolyard

by American teenagers has me thinking again about the wisdom of the canary analogy that the lawyer and scholar Lani Guinier has been pushing. Canaries, with their fragile

respiratory systems, were once increasing levels of toxicity in the air. Ms. Guinier says that racial minorities are America's canaries; their crime, their violence and their social dysfunction warn us of toxins in the social atmosphere.

So, perhaps, do individual youngsters like the 15-yearold Springfield, Oregon, boy accused in the sbooting spree that left two classmates dead and two dozen injured. The question is: What are

age canaries are telling us? Maybe the first thing we that American violence is not agreement. exactly a new phenomenon. Lynchings certainly were acts of violence - and not just the snapping of one overwrought

we to do about what these teen-

mind, either. Lyochings were the actions of mobs of people pushed into violence by often false or incomplete information. And you couldn't blame television.

old days and the gangster wars portion to their philosophical

WASHINGTON — The By William Raspberry

should remind us that violence is as American as apple pie. Not for oothing was the old West called wild. Having said that, I do be-lieve that these disturbed and

used by coal miners to warn of disturbing youngsters really are serving as canaries. The problem, though, is that we keep trying to use their warnings to figure out which particular children are likely to go berserk.

Suppose, instead of trying to predict which canary would be the cext to succumb, we paid a bit more attention to the general level of atmospheric toxicity in the United States.

Our canaries are telling us that we Americans need to re-. duce not just the availability of guns but also our quick recourse to confrontation in ought to do is remind ourselves every social or political dis-

We need (as Deborah Tannen reminds us in ber new book, "The Argument Culture") to find less bellicose ways to describe our public actions. Enough "drug actions. Enough 'drug wars," 'cultural battles' and "political warfare" financed by "war chests."

Politicians whose politesse The labor violence of the used to increase in direct pro-

outrage now give full vent to the outrage. Social activists do not just disagree with their opposition; they speak and be-have as though their opponents were the personification of evil.

Am I suggesting that ordinary incivility is partly to hlame for the deaths of schoolchildreo?

In a word, yes. I am saying that adult irascibility - from political intemperance to road rage - can poison our social and civic atmosphere as surely as methane poisons coal mines. We keep looking for ideologically convenient targets to blame for what has gone wrong
— the gun lobby, for instance.

I am appalled by the prevalence of guns, by the easy access to guns, by the quick recourse to guns. I think the National Rifle Association is out of its collective mind.

But I think a good part of the blame for what is happening to America's young people lies much closer to home. We behave in our civic and political lives as though anything goes, so long as it fits our side of the issues. And we are endlessly surprised when our children show themselves to be heartless teasers, graceless winners. bitter losers, self-centered jerks

and occasionally killers. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: U.S. Strength PARIS -[The Herald says in an

Editorial: The very physiological conditions of Spain's present-day existence make against the possibility of ber winning the fight. America's great strength does not come alone from numbers. It derives from the fact that the country is inhabited by a mixed race, by people strong. hardy, inured to the difficulties of existence in a new world, and in whom all the more determined and manliest qualities of European nations are found united.

1923: Women Debtors

PARIS -- [The Herald says in an Editorial:] By the provisions of a Bill which has just passed the State Legislature, women of Pennsylvania may now be imprisoned if they do not pay their taxes. A law exempted "women. infants and persons of unsound

this offence. Opposition to the change was strong. Among those who fought against it were politi-cians who believe that with immunity removed many women will pay up and qualify as voters, and that the more women voters there are the poorer will be the chances for the variety of politics these statesmen practise.

1948: Prague Bishop PRAGUE - The letter of

Monsignor Beran, Archbishop of Prague, forbidding Roman Catholic clergymen to participate as candidates in Czecboslovakian elections, is the first controversial element with which the Communist govemment has been confronted in its effort to obtain near unanimity from the electorate. It may have been that the criticism voiced by the Catholic hierarchy in Poland and Hungary of mind" from imprisonment for tries impelled Beran's letter. the governments in those coun-

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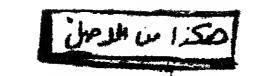
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In the China Connection, Two Paths Lead to Clinton

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Think of er was a shrewd recruitment: In the China connection as May 1995, Mr. Schwartz hired two-tracked. One track is the purchase of White House influence by U.S. aerospace corporations eager to sell advanced missile technology to China. The second is the plan by China to affect Clinton administration policy by directing money through various froms into the Clinton-Gore campaign.

First track first. After a mere \$100,000 investment in the Democratic National Committee in 1994, Bernard Schwartz, chairman of Loral Space & Communications, was rewarded with a trip to Beijing hy Rocald Brown's Commerce Department that led to a \$250 million tele-

communications deal. When one of China's missiles launching a Loral satellite failed, Loral scientists - without telling the U.S. government prepared a 200-page report for China to improve its missile

guidance. The Pentagon objected: the CIA chimed in with an estimate later that China's nuclear missiles were aimed ar 13 American cities. China's targeting had been made more accurate with Loral's unauthorized help.

This caused the Justice Department to launch a criminal investigation. That might bave slowed down an ordinary company's future approvals to launch satellires on Chinese rockets, but Loral's Mr. Schwartz had purchased two tickets to the Clinton Ball.

One ticket was Loral's status as the largest contributor to Democratic campaigns. The oth-

the National Security Council's press spokesman, Tom Ross, to be Loral's spokesman. Mr. Ross had worked closely for a year with Samuel Berger, now national political-security adviser.

Mr. Ross's urgent calls to his former associate, Gary Samore, the complaisant nonproliferation man at the National Security Council, moved the approval process along.

Just as Loral and Mr. Brown had been able to get President Bill Clinton to overturn a State Department disapproval years before, the company with the contacts was easily able to overcome the Srate Department's warning to the National Security Council thar Loral's actions were 'criminal, likely to be indicted,

knowing and unlawful,"
Thus did Mr. Clinton's favor to his contributor, Mr. Schwartz, undermine the Justice Depart-ment's case. The White House counsel, Charles Ruff, dismissed the objections of prosecutors because Attorney General Janet Reno did not make the call herself. (Her deputy, Eric Holder, is now trying to protect the White House by claiming that prose-cutors were mistaken about their case being weakened.)

Result: Clinton ads paid for, Loral profits up, Chinese missiles more accurate, America's ciries in greater danger. Small wonder that disgusted Democrats in Congress voted last week to slam the harn door on waivers.

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Now to track two of the China











Connection, Johnny Chung, who handed a \$50,000 check in the White House to Hillary Clinton's chief of sraff, is testifying thar some of the money came from the Chinese military. The daughter of China's then-top commander denies she was the conduit.

Our doublers are now embarrassed because Mr. Chung's testimony confirms the wiretap evidence of a Chinese plan to influence American elections. The Clinton defense is now that

the president did not know the source of his Asian money. His venality is in not wanting to know, Mr. Chung's evidence is part of a much larger mosaic: Mr. Clinton's money association with the Riady family in Indonesia, like Vice President Al Gore's

dhist temple, dates from more than a decade ago. The Riadys gave both money and advice about changing the early Clinton policy toward China. Their advice was taken. We will learn more about Mr.

Clinton's Asian sources and money methods in the trials of Charlie Trie and Maria Hsia, both Democracic fund-raisers.

If Representative Henry Waxman permits, we will learn about Ted Sioeng, an Indonesian busi-nessman living in Los Angeles, from four witnesses whose testimony the Democrat of California has blocked.

And one of these years, we will get the full story from the man whom Bill Clinton and James Riady selected to be their with the fund-generating Budagent at the center of the Com-

merce Department-Democratic National Committee fund-raising complex: John Huang.

On each separate but parallel track. Mr. Clinton probed for monetary help and asked no quesuons. China's leadership, through its many agents, dupes and business cutouts, eagerly responded and made the connection.

Should this compromised president go ro Tiananmen Square on the ninth anniversary the massacre of students there? Yes. He should hold up the picture of the dissenter facing the tank and honor the slain demonstrators lying beside their model of the Statue of Liberty. That would befit the representative of democracy and begin his own redemption.

The New York Times.

Agog Over the Discovery: Of Grandeur and Beauty

By Amy Hollowell

century's end to hang precari- a transgression? ously upon the svelte capital's eastern haunch.

But these 40 children, on a field trip from their school in the neighboring suburb of Montreuil, clearly were not concerned with whar was supposed to be. On a

MEANWHILE

blusiery spring morning, their wonderment was unmistakable: In the prickly drizzle and snarling wind, they stood wide-eyed before the grand edifice of the 12th-century St. Denis basilica rising impossibly high to the wet, gray sky.

A teacher issued a srem re-

minder that although this was indeed a great historical monument --- until 1793, it had for centuries been the tomb of French kings it was nonetheless a church and silence was therefore required of its young visitors. And so it was that these children of Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Frenchmen, Africans, Arahs, whites, blacks the embodiment of a reluctantly modern France - quietly stepped as one into a landmark of Western civilization.

Once inside, everyone's excitement was difficulty contained in the dimness and hush. There was a barely stifled shriek of recognition when a group of girls scanning the vaulted ceiling spotted what they had learned would be there: delicate keysrones anchoring the arches soaring gracefully far above.

The nave, too, was familiar, as was the stained glass, and they knew the Gothic from the Romanesque. They knew the 3dcentury legend of the beheaded martyr St. Denis and they knew the great kings, from Dagobert to Louis XVI, once buried here. They knew so many things that their know-it-all guide at times seemed nonplussed.

They had learned it all in school, an unassuming neighborhood establishment not unlike a thousand other public primary schools throughout France. Which is why an American parent, herself a product of a fiercely

ST. DENIS, France—This was not supposed to be. The faces of these 9-year-olds were not supposed to beam like this, not here in this belt of the second to be th this belt of weary suhurbs worn was that sacred line separating ... ragged by social ills and left at church and state? Was this trip not

But the guide continued, telling of crusades and pilgrims, art and i architecture, abbots and kings, aspirations and strife both temporal and spiritual. Not only was the story compelling history, but it also resonated as a timeless tale of. . what it is to be human, regardless of color, creed or circumstance, Suddenly, it seemed that the trans- .. gression would be to deny anyone, the opportunity to share in this:

cultural wealth. That these children of no paracute disadvantage — should be afforded the luxury of such a rich a public education today is nothing. less than remarkable. What is per- ... haps more extraordinary still is, that they want it.

Most of these children are, growing up in working-class fam-.. ilies, many in households headed a by a single parent. Some are the? children of immigrants, and-French is not spoken at home. The retown in which they live and its. neighbors are racked by unemployment and crime. The public housing is decrepit and the schools are the most underfunded and understaffed in the country.

If the statistics seem to reveal France at its worst, the joyful schoolchildren making their way. through the 800-year-old cathe- . dral provide a glimpse of it ar its. finest.

Maybe it was simply part of the. curriculum. Maybe not. In any case, thanks to two devoted teachers, these pupils were given access to beauty and grandeur that transcend the ordinary. It was just one brief introduction, perhaps, but from such introductions further discovery is born, which, finally, is . education's noble promise.

Heading back to school, some boys were loudly comparing post-, cards bearing images of stained glass and funerary art. As the bus passed St. Denis's new soccer stadium, built for the summer's . World Cup competition and gleaming now in the cold rain, 40 faces were beaming still - and ' not one looked up.

International Herald Tribune

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India's Nuclear Growl

Philip Bowring makes an excellent argument ("But Why Shouldn't a Democracy Be Armed to Defend Irself?" Opinion, May 13) that India's nuclear tests should force the United States to confront its own principles and priorities, especially in its dealings with China and Pakistan.

But I find curious his assertion that "India is not specifically threatened by China." China holds 16,000 square miles of. territory in Kashmir taken during their 1962 he thought America had essentially ignored

border-war, with additional designs on Indian land. It has nuclear weapons and missiles stockpiled in the high ground of Tibet - well within striking distance of 400 million Indians living in the Ganges plain.

Moreover, China has been providing Pakistan with both missile and nuclear know-how for years. That India finds this threatening should come as no surprise. I once asked Commodore Uday Bashkar.

Studies and Analyses, in New Delhi, why

pendence. He replied, "India is the dog that does not bark. The dog is harking now. STANLEY A. WEISS.

India for most of its 50 years of inde-

London.

Vote, but Not So Often

In all the commentary on U.S. campaign finance ahuses and possible reform, one deputy director of the Institute for Defense simple approach for reducing the problems has been ignored - fewer elections. No other democracy has such a sbort

paign and fund-raising cycle so exhausing and humiliating as to discourage people from seeking, or continuing to seek, office.

Why not hold federal elections only once every four years, with the White House, the full House of Representatives and half the Senate up for election?

lifespan for its legislature. Even though

incumbent congressmen are rarely defeated if they seek re-election, their two-year term

produces a relentless, never-ending cam-

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How the U.S. Intelligence Community Got It All Wrong

By Tim Weiner and James Risen New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — When American spy satellites photographed clear signs that India was preparing for a nuclear test in 1995, Frank Wisner Jr., then the U.S. ambassador to India, showed the photographs to top Indian officials in a successful effort to persuade them not to test. It was a triumph of intelligence and diplomacy's working together to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

But some officials now say success sowed the seeds of the failure to anticipate India's five nuclear tests this month. Showing the photos to the Indians revealed how the United States had spied on the test site, they say, and thus enabled the Indians to conceal their preparations this time - for instance, by burying the cables and wires running into the shaft where they conducted the

"You're showing your capabilities to

PREJUDICE:

Voiced in Indonesia

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and peasants feel about the Chinese.

Now, if political freedoms come to In-

donesia, one possibility is what has been

called an "illiberal democracy" - a

system where the majority rules and decides quite democratically to oppress

a minority.

If Indonesia becomes more democrat-

ic, policy-making may be based not on

the considered views of the cosmopol-

itan ruling class in Jakarta but on the

simmering anger of people like Arudji Sntanjo, 38, a husinessman.

'Actually, we hate the Chinese, but

We should send all the Chinese men back," he added in a genial tone. "The

'And if they convert to Islam, then

we couldn't do anything about them

before, because they were protected by

Suharto. But I don't think they will be

women can stay and marry Indonesians, and then the Chinese race here will dis-

they can stay because they will change,

Because Chinese who convert do not act

like Chinese. They are not arrogant and

people think this way, because just a

week or two ago it was a forbidden topic.

Now, the press has become more open,

but nobody knows what the rules are.

Just this weekend, Indonesia's leading newspaper, Kompas, suggested in the course of a long article that the taboo

on public discussion of the Chinese in

Indonesian businessman who is Mr.

Suharto's balf-brother, as urging that a new legal structure be established to

discriminate against ethnic Chinese in

be hardening because of the nation's

about the rising prices with more passion than they discuss the fall of Mr.

"My expenses are up, because I'm staying at a place where I can't cook and

I bave to eat street food, and the prices have gone way up," complained Muri,

games and charges children the equiv-

alent of a penny to play for five

giving their kids less pocket money."

Chinese-language schools are banned,

have never given signs that they might

seek to exploit Indonesia's racial is-

Attitudes toward the Chinese seem to

Here in Gresik, people complain

It also quoted Probosutedjo, a leading

Indonesia should be lifted.

business.

Suharto.

economic distress.

Muri added bleakly.

It is difficult to gauge how many

protected any more.'

they do not swagger.

An investigation into the failure to foresee the tests asks, "Did we help them go to school in some way?" the official said.

A State Department official said such worries were baseless. But this dispute arises whenever the administration chooses to use secret intelligence to discourage Russia, China and other nations

from spreading weapons technology.
On May 14, when frustrated senators interrogated senior intelligence officials behind closed doors about the U.S. failure to foresee the tests, it was already apparent that the failure was a team effort by the most senior policymakers, diplomats and intelligence officials. It followed months of misjudgments and miscalculations at the bighest levels,

many of the officials acknowledge.

"Look, we were wrong," Phyllis
Oakley, the State Department's highestranking intelligence officer, conceded in

new Hindu nationalist leaders that they were bent on joining the club of nuclear powers, the administration's top policymakers came to believe the opposite. India's nuclear ambitions have wor-

ried the United States since India conducted what it called a "peaceful nuclear explosion" in 1974. But the Clinton administration, after a

policy review last year, decided that India was poised to become a new Asian 'tiger," and so foreign policy should stress trade and commerce

Then the Hindu nationalists, the Bharatiya Janata Party, came to power on March 19, with the avowed intention to add nuclear weapons to India's arsenal. This set off a flurry of concern, but within days party leaders offered soothing assurances.

On March 26, a senior foreign policy adviser, N. N. Jha, told officials at the

the very people trying to conceal things from you," an official said.

exasperation at the closed Senate bearing. "U.S. Embassy that his government would review India's national security ican officials throughout March and

> On April 14, Bill Richardson, the chief U.S. representative at the United Nanons, met with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others, and came away persuaded that there would be no tests.

On May 1, comfortable with that belief, President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, raised the issue only briefly at a White House meeting with the Indian foreign secretary.

or the CIA could offer any evidence to contradict the reassuring confidences. 'There wasn't a voice in the wil-

The Indians' denials were part of a would review India's national security sophisticated disinformation campaign. Despite clear signals from India's over the next three to six months and had but they doverailed with the adminisno plans to test nuclear weapons before tration's evident eagerness to believe then. It was a message repeated to Amer- that restraint would prevail. Since the Indians wanted to improve trade relations, the conventional wisdom went, it would not provoke a crisis by testing a nuclear weapon.

And in classified reports this year, analysts at the CIA, the State Department and the Defense Intelligence Agency even discounted the new Indian government's vow to go nuclear. So, the White House did not order a new broad intelligence review of India's nuclear program.

The CIA had failed to recruit any No one at the State Department, the Indian spies with information on the National Security Council, the Pentagon country's nuclear intentions, government officials said. Moreover, the deputy station chief in New Delhi had recently been expelled for a botched demess," a senior State Department of- attempt to recruit the chief of India's ficial said. "There was nobody anywhere counterintelligence operations, further weakening the agency's abilioes.

PAKISTAN: New Civilian Power

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the army's "vigilance and readiness." This restraint has not been shared by retired officers, many of whom rose through the military ranks in a period when the army made all major decisions in Pakistan. Several have attended rallies, given speeches and written newspaper columns demanding that the gov-

ernment begin nuclear testing. One former army commander, Mirza Aslam Beg, said tests were the only way to "demonstrate all range and variety of our nuclear capabilities.

A retired admiral, Iqbal Quadir, said economic sanctions likely to follow a nuclear test "would not be unbearable" and asserted that "delay in our decision

could cost us dearly."

Despite these calls, Mr. Sharif has made clear that although he will consult military commanders, he will make the final choice himself. One indication that the world has accepted this fact is that when foreign leaders urge restraint on Pakistan, they direct their calls to Mr.

Sharif and not to anyone in uniform.

But the democracic horizon is hardly clear, although Pakistan seems to have rid itself of military involvement in political decisions, at least for the time being. Political hickering among the country's leaders, which has in the past persuaded the army that it had no alternative hut to seize power, is still in-

Benazir Bhutto, the opposition leader who is facing corruption charges stemming from her last term as prime minister, denounced the Sharif government this week as a "criminal mafia" interested in "nothing but tyranny."

Another trend that disturbs some civilians is visible in the countryside. where the army is being used ever more

frequently for nonmilitary projects.

More than 200,000 soldiers were assigned to accompany census-takers during the national census in March, Others . conducted a survey of districts where corrupt local officials were allegedly drawing government funds to support nonexistent schools and health centers. Hundreds of retired officers have joined

local government agencies.
In some parts of the country, such as the northern state of Punjab, military units have been awarded contracts to build roads and other public works projects. Punjab's chief minister, Shahbaz Sharif, who is no relation to the prime minister, said military contracts are at least 30 percent cheaper because officers do not steal the way local officials and civilian contractors do.

"The government has been compelled to involve the army in civil work because of the dismal performance of the government departments," Mr. Sbarif

Some commentators fear that decisions to use soldiers in this way will encourage military commanders to believe that civilian anthorities are incompetent, slowly rekindling the army's now-dormant ambition for power.

"They fuel dangerous ambitions in the hearts of soldiers," a Pakistani But now that Mr. Habibie appears set like Pakistan, where the army has repeatedly justified extra-constitutional adventures in terms of the civilian authorities' failure to discharge their responsibilities, nothing more needs to be



The labor leader Muchtar Pakpahan, left, and Sri Bintang Pamungkas, a over his commitment to reform, and will take or bow this diverse and mulformer Parliament member, waving from a balcony in a Jakarta prison many here openly predicted that his tenbefore they were released early Tuesday under a presidential amnesty. we in power will be short-lived. But Mr. politics.

INDONESIA: Moves Toward Reform Habibie now clearly seems intent on seiz-ing the initiative on the reform issue and

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sentenced in 1996 to 34 months for insulting Mr. Suharto during a lecture in Germany, were released from the Cipinang prison in Jakarta after a presidential

decree granted them amnesty.
[Justice Minister Muladi said that the release of other political prisoners was under consideration, and that the most likely candidates were those jailed for protesting human rights violations.]

The government also announced plans to overhaul the judicial system to make it more independent, and - in the most dramatic evidence yet that the Suharto era is over — to begin severing the government's close links with the businesses of the former president's children and cronies.

Meanwhile, the armed forces com-mander, General Wiranto, announced Monday that his wife and daughter were resigning from their appointed seats in the select the president.

At the same time, the armed forces said a preliminary investigation into the shooting of six students at Trisakti University - an incident that touched off violent riots and ultimately led to the fall \$43 billion bailout package. of Mr. Suharto - revealed that eight

There were also reports that the govganizing activities, in an effort to bring Indonesia into compliance with the standards of the International Labor Orga-

Even Indonesia's long-cowed press is feeling the change, with newspapers ben a closed room, and

having some oxygen."
When Mr. Hahibie took over Thurs-

demonstrating to his critics that while he may be a product of Mr. Suharto's autocratic New Order regime, he is willing to break with the past and usher in a more liberal, democratic future. His latest moves come in response to

domestic and international pressures. The movement that toppled Mr. Suharto had lately focused on Mr. Habibie, giving him breathing space to carry ont change but also vowing to keep up the pressure until he did. Mr. Habibie is also believed to be under strong pressure from the country's armed forces, whose top leadership has voiced support for reform.

Overseas voices have also called on Mr. Habibie to recognize the need to drastically restructure Indonesia's anthoritarian system.

Perhaps with an eye to his international andience, and to securing further international assistance as he tries to lift consultative assembly, the largely rubber-stamp body that meets every five years to crisis in decades, Mr. Habibie announced his plans just ahead of the arrival of a high-ranking team from the International Monetary Fund that will begin negotiating the terms for the release of the latest installment of a stalled

Of all the measures unveiled Monday, were involved in the shooting and that six the most far-reaching were the reports officers were "suspected of supporting from the cabinet meeting that Mr. the incident."

Habibie plans to rewrite the election laws to free up political activity and lead ernment was preparing changes to reg-ulations that would free up labor or-eral elections well before the end of his legal term in 2003.

From the time Indonesia's first president, Sukarno, introduced his "guided democracy" in the 1950s and began tightening the allowable circle for political debate, until Suharto came to power coming more aggressive in their cov- in 1966 and crusbed politics entirely erage, and more critical in their edit- under his New Order regime, Indonesia orials. Aristides Katoppo, a veteran has known only one-man rule with only a newspaper editor, said, "It's like being facade of democracy preserved through

to revive politics bere, it remains unday, he faced widespread skepticism certain exactly what form the pluralism

Convicted Nurses Subarto's third son, Hutomo (Tommy)

To Sue Victim's Kin The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Two British nurses plan to sue the brother of the Australian woman of whose murder they were convicted in Saudi Arabia, their lawyer said Monday

The nurses, Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, were released Wednesday from a Saudi jail after King Fahd commuted their sentences in the 1996 murder of Yvonne Gilford.

Miss Parry, who was convicted of murder in the case, escaped execution when Miss Gilford's brother Frank spared her life in keeping with Saudi Arabia's Islamic law. In return, Miss Parry agreed to give him \$1.2 million in "blood money" but since returning to England has refused to hand over the money.

Miss McLauchlan was convicted of being an accessory in the murder.

EMPIRE: New Government Begins to Chisel Away at Suharto's Corporate Kingdom

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38, who runs a portable arcade. He carries around a duffel bag full of electronic tribution in Indonesia, a substantial stake in every oil and gas field in the country, and a major share in the hillions of dollars in annual export revenues that they generate.

The Suharto family's business interests "I have fewer customers now," Mr. are prominent in virtually every sector of the economy. Some estimates say the "Maybe that's because parents are empire was worth at least \$40 hillion Indonesia already has some of the before many of its operations were hit by most racist laws anywhere in the world, the currency turmoil and economic downall directed at the Chinese minority. turn that helped to bring the former president down amid charges that he and his Chinese-language materials are forbidrelatives were gnilty of graft and nepotden and it is illegal to celehrate Chinese ism on a grand scale.

Indonesian newspapers reported - Any further tightening or expulsion is unlikely in the immediate future. In-Monday that the Jakarta city government had canceled contracts for the supply of donesian politics are still dominated by drinking water with two other firms tied an educated and relatively tolerant elite, to the Suharto family and would seek the and the likely contenders for president return of money made under the deals.

The Jakarta Post said that the city administration vetoed the agreements on the grounds that their award in 1995

of a former public-works minister under erument. Mr. Suharto "stank of corruption, collusion and nepotism."

Although Mr. Hahihie is a longtime tional and domestic pressure to clean up the Indonesian economy and open the of raw materials and spare parts." previously murky relationship between government and big husiness to public

made clear that implementing such re- ded. form is a condition for speedy resumption of a package of emergency loans money to huttress its foreign exchange reserves and strengthen the value of its contracts expire in June. currency, the rupiah, so that many heavily indebted companies and hanks will not collapse, crippling the already international market in crude oil and

severely strained economy.

An IMF team headed by its Asia division chief, Hubert Neiss, is due to arrive Tuesday in Jakarta to review the Humpnss Group, controlled by Mr.

without an open bid on the instructions situation and hold talks with the gov-

In a speech to his cabinet Monday that was later released to reporters, Mr. ters reported. Habibie said that "we must honestly friend and protégé of Mr. Suharto, he admit that our success in overcoming the and his government are under interna- economic crisis depends largely on foreign loans, especially to finance imports

The revision of laws in the economic field needs to be accelerated, including crutiny. to abolish monopolies and oligopolies, The International Monetary Fund has and boost fair competitiveness," he ad-

Mr. Kuntoro said that he was planning a thorough review of all Pertamina's worth \$43 hillion. Indonesia needs the shipping and trading contracts, starting money to huttress its foreign exchange with PT Perta and PT Permindo, whose

The two companies are affiliates through which Pertamina trades on the

refined products. Perta is 70-percent owned by a husiness consortium, which includes the

Permindo is 65-percent owned by a group called Mindo Petroleum, partly owned by Mr. Suharto's second son, Bambang Trihatmodjo, and the former president's cousin, Sudwikatmono.

Mr. Bambang's publicly traded com-

Mandala Putra, and several tax-free

foundations linked to Mr. Suharto, Reu-

pany, PT Bimantara Citra, also does business with Pertamina, analysts said. The second blow to Suharto family husiness interests — the apparent loss of the water supply contracts for Jakarta involved two joins venture firms, PT Garuda Dipta Semesta, whose partner

was Lyonnaise des Eaux of France, and

PT Kekar-Thames Airindo, which was working with a subsidiary of Thames Water PLC of Britain. In the markets, the benchmark Jakarta Stock Market composite index fell 5.59 points, or 1.26 percent, to 439.55, as the value of listed companies linked to the

Suharto family plunged.

MILTARY: Plugging Peacekeeper Gap Continued from Page 1

overseas. This month the army alone has 33,944 soldiers on temporary duty in 81 foreign countries. Most are on peacekeeping missions or training exercises.

At the same time, the kinds of duties that normally fell to Reserve forces - he said in halting but energetic English. like civil affairs, psychological operations and community building - became more important in the military's new peacekeeping role. Of the roughly 200 American civil-affairs officers in

Bosnia, only one is in the regular army. "No one in this building saw something like Bosnia coming," said a senior Pen-tagon officer. "But with the Guard and Reserve, we absorbed it and are doing all right. Well, we're not limping real badly. But I don't think we could easily handle another Bosnia or anything like it now and

One of the reservists now serving in Bosnia is Chief Petry Officer Milinda Jensen of the U.S. Navy.

The other day, she straightened the shoulder holsier strapped over her camouflage uniform. She tugged the 9-millimeter Beretta automatic pistol hanging from one side, and on the other side pulled on the two ammunition cases, each holding 14 rounds. With that, she began to lead a classroom of 12- and 13-year-olds in boisterous games and then described

a day in the life of an American family. As she showed the children photographs of her family on vacation. Marko Katic, 12, son of a leader in the hard-line Bosnian Serb political party in Lukavica, jumped to his feet. "My dream has always been to have a vacation in Yellowstone Park in America,"

Chief Jensen was plucked from her civilian life as a public school teacher in Virginia and assigned to help run a NATO public information center in Bosnia. She was in the classroom on her time off because she wants to learn about the Bosnian people and wants them to learn about the United States.

When she became one of the 3,500 reservists and members of the National Guard currently mobilized for Bosnia about one-third of the U.S. force in the country - she was given little choice of whether to go or what her job would be But while some of her colleagues resent having been called up, Chief Jensen, 43, represents what the Pentagon hopes to find among the ranks of Americans in the Guard or Reserve, who it says must now be mobilized for lengthy missions overseas.

Chief Jensen switched to the Naval Reserve from active duty, and her busband is a navy retiree. They live with their 17-year-old daughter in Norfolk. Virginia. "As a family we are used to this. she said. I like the adventure.

HUNGARY: Youthful Front-Runner to Lead Conservative Shift

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Anger over the government's shortcomings - such as increased crime and allegations of corruption — became the domain of the right. Inequities, real and imagined, made for powerful plaints.

If Hungary had turned the corner on its Communist past — especially by recently qualifying for possible membership in the

North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union — why did so many impact on the electorate. The Hungarian of its leaders look the same as 10 years ago, the opposition asked consistently. And if this was democracy, they

railed, why were the most powerful figures in society - in government and in private business — the same people who had controlled life under communism?

Mr. Csurka's name-calling disgusted

South African Reversal on Journalist

JOHANNESBURG -After months of refusing to let an awardwinning journalist return from the er. United States to fight a deportation order, the South African government abruptly and without explanation reversed itself Monday.

South Africa but visiting America on a with President Nelson Mandela. journalism fellowship. His American visa runs out May 31; the South Afnot, he said, be able to find work in next fall.

Zimbabwe because he was dismissed from a state-owned newspaper there for interviewing an opposition lead-

Advocates of a free press are watching his case closely, saying the South African government appears to be trying to chill freedom of the press by The journalist, Newton Kanhema of deporting a journalist who has the Sunday Independent, was on the angered Deputy President Thabo verge of being rendered stateless. He Mbeki. Former President Jimmy is a Zimbabwean citizen working in Carter has raised Mr. Kanhema's case

In March, Mr. Kanhema was named African Journalist of the Year by rican government had threatened to CNN, and has won a Knight Fellowarrest him if he returned, and he would ship to study at Stanford University

Justice and Life Party attracted 5 percent of voters and qualified for Parliament. The Hungarian Civic Party, the main-

stream conservative party, won a lion's share of the protest vote. The Civic Party won 148 of the 386 seats in Parliament. The Socialists were left with 134. Over the past year, Mr. Orban had vowed

that 1998 would be a time of calculated upheaval in Hungary, now well on the path to Western integration. He and the Civic Party had been preparing for more than eight years, he said, and they and the country appeared ready to shake things up.
Mr. Orban never quite admitted that

he was ready to take on the joh of prime minister - "I'm not that old," be protested in November — but he clearly believed that Mr. Horn was vulnerable.

This month, after the first round of balloting, Mr. Orban was quick to allay fears that Hungary could jump from the tracts and increases in social benefits that track of reform. He assured investors promoted speculation about his sincerity. that Hungary would rearrange some social priorities but would not veer from cluding analysts who on Sunday night larger economic goals.

But Mr. Orban made many promises during the campaign, some of which appear nearly impossible to implement. He presented an economic program that envisioned a hefty 7 percent growth in gross domestic product - compared with the ready to assume power," he said.



Viktor Orban at a news conference.

current 4 percent rate -- that was criticized by some Western analysts as unrealistic. He still be ready for a major conflict." also promised reviews of privatization con-Mr. Orban rebuffed the naysayers, in-

passed its wildest political hopes — about four years sooner than it had expected. Was Mr. Orban, they asked, ready for a mad scramble of the entire right wing demanding a role in government? "Wc're

said the Hungarian Civic Party had sur-

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EDUCATION IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY: REVOLUTION OR EVOLUTION?

Action to the state of the stat Marie and the second se t doesn't matter whether you call it telephones and more traditional vehicles. IBM global education, compares it to ample, in Finland, 90 percent of schools ternational Data Corp. talk about "the which brings parents into closer contact a revolution of the property of the plant a revolution or an evolution; the educational experience is changing." says Sean Rush, general manager of IBM global education industries solutions unit.

As terms like the "Information Society," the "Global Information Infrastructure" and "knowledge workers" enter everyday vocabularies. educators are grappling with some fundamental issues: What does it mean to learn? How can education prepare pupils for the 21st century? Can the classroom experience be replicated diin technology management. gitally? Should it he?

Single of the second of the se The bottom line: human interaction "Learning is what education is about, and technology won't change that," says Mr. Rush, Technology at the service of education will be applied differently in different situations and different countries, he maintains, but "the bottom line is good teachers and good students interacting."

Beyond that basic premise, educators, administrators and technology experts can all cite examples of academic and community development as a result of access to network computing.

Network computing can enhance access to resources, program delivery, outreach and student interactivity.

Access includes, but is not limited to the World Wide Web and its multimedia capabilities; delivery encompasses networks, cable, satellites, CD-ROMs,

such as the mail system; outreach means that schools may seek students in the real world rather than waiting for them in the classroom; and student interactivity recognizes the fact that learning with technology tools fosters collaboration and communication.

"Technology is not just bells and whistles for education. It is an integral part of the process of education today." says Ahmet Aykaç, director of Theseus International Management Institute in France, a graduate school specializing

From teaching to learning

His institution and thousands of others worldwide are interweaving technology tools into the academic environment shifting the focus from teacher to learner. In the process, the role of teachers is changing, guiding students as they discover information through Internet linkages and other resources.

"Many students meander and tinker, learning in a non-linear, nonsequential way," explains Mr. Avkac, who has observed the process and evaluated the gains, intellectual growth, skill building results with kindergarten students as well as MBA candidates in their 30s. Technology allows this to happen more easily.

Not all teachers are comfortable in using these new tools, so Lotus has developed a package of easy-to-use solutions called LearningSpace, based on Lotus Notes. Diana Oblinger, manager, academic programs and strategy, among U.S. school districts. For ex- Julian and Christianne Moretti of In-

familiar instruments in the academic are network-equipped; in France, the

environment: · Syllabus: Where the teacher creates and posts the course outline.

 Media center: Where the teacher stores resources, readings, video clips and simulations.

· Course room: Where interactions take place. "It is like an indented outline for the teacher," says Ms. Oblinger, and it includes space for classroom groups to work independ-

· Profiles: Where background on students can be consulted by all members of the class. Information on guest speakers and personalities being studied can also be posted here.

· Assessment: Opinion polls on topics under discussion can be conducted here. Tests can be taken and the results posted.

"Teachers don't want to reinvent the wheel on technology," explains Ms. Oblinger. LearningSpace helps them by putting the emphasis on "how to teach, not how to program."

Primary and secondary schools Teaching with the help of computers is becoming commonplace in American schools. Europe's almost 70 million pupils in primary and secondary school, and its 4.5 million teachers. have been slower to enter the information age - although there are wide variations in Europe, as there are number is less than 10 percent.

But that is changing. In October 1996, the European Commission launched an action plan called "Learning in the Age of Information." It is fostering the development of an on-line European school network, encouraging the development of multimedia educational products, training teachers in the new technologies and informing parents and the community at large about these new tools.

In France, where the population is already familiar with on-line connectivity thanks to the Minitel, the Ministry of Education announced a 16.5 billion franc (\$2.75 billion) program last November to connect every French school to the Internet, IBM is a partner to the ministry in this program, which includes consultation, the supply of computers and Lotus software, project development and evaluation.

One initiative already under way is called La Main à la Pâte. It will bring the expertise of scientists, including Nobel laureate Georges Charpak, to an eventual 350,000 elementary school classes through simple on-line experiments and

supplemental information for teachers. The Internet not only enriches instruction in traditional senings, but can also enable communication with students out of normal classroom reach. such as children living in isolated rural communities. Education analysts Ellen tyranny of distance" in countries like Canada, Australia and India, where education on-line "can make a major difference."

Then there are special cases, such as the ski students in the French Alps, whose sports regime makes regular classroom attendance difficult. IBM worked with the Rhône-Alpes region to equip these athletes with portable computers so they could keep up with their lessons while in training. The skiers did more than keep up: they performed better than their classroom-bound counterparts.

Teachers and students are not the only significant factors in children's education, of course. Equally important are the students' families and communities.

Dan Lau, an educational consultant to Arthur Andersen, notes that parental involvement is one of the best predictors of academic performance. Using the Internet to encourage interaction with parents can contribute to higher levels of scholastic achievement.

Bridging a gap between schools, homes and communities is one of the goals of "Reinventing Education," an ambitious program launched by IBM in 1994. Its purpose is to encourage innovative solutions to some of American education's most pressing problems,

In the next year, some of the Reinventing Education initiatives will be introduced outside the United States, says Mr. Rush. First on the list is a program called Wired for Learning. with the classroom.

A lifelong pursuit Not only is education becoming more

"learner-centered," but it is also becoming a lifelong pursuit, says Carlo Serio, education manager. Europe. Middle East/Africa for IBM. "Lifelong learning brings with it the concomitant need for flexibility in education."

Studies by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development bear him out. The OECD has found that the age of students has become more varied with a growing tendency to intersperse work and study in a lifelong pattern of learning.

Student populations are also larger and more diverse. Today, there are only five countries in the OECD where 75 percent of the working age population are upper-secondary graduates. By 2015, this will be true in more than half of OECD countries.

Because technology makes it possible to reach children in remote locations or older students physically or financially out of range of traditional classrooms. "the revolution in education lies here," says IBM's Mr. Rust-"Now education is possible where it wasn't possible before,"

"If you consider the way informat tion technology is being used for education, it is evolutionary," adds Mr. Serio. "If you consider the way IT affects the way we think about educanon, it can be revolutionary."

PUTTING LIBRARIES ON-LINE

more open than the Internet, which is sometimes described as the world's greatest library but one in which all the books are lying about at random, with no system for locating the volume you need.

School and university libraries understand that the emergence of vast repositories of educational materials calls for new capabilities for storing, searching, retrieving and managing digital infor-In an IBM-sponsored

study on higher education in eight European countries, more than 80 percent of respondents said they saw finding information technology solutions as a priority for improving library resources and

School libraries that are digitizing resource material are able to store more information, access it more easily and distribute it more widely and cost-efficiently. Most American universities already have or are in the process of putting their card catalogues on-

For example, the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) is embarking on a project to extend the electronic card catalog to provide access to electronic journal articles on-line. The FCLA currently serves more than 205,000 students and 9,000 faculty at 10 state universities throughout Florida. The current electronic card catalog contains approximately 17 million journal articles.

The new system will deliver an electronic copy of the material requested directly to the students' desktop computers, facilitating research for students working offcampus or after regular li-

brary hours. multimedia Recause archives are growing in li-braries, IBM's Digital Li-

To physical library is brary solutions encompass the library will integrate local them as well.

> The Variations Project at Indiana University School of Music is one of the first large-scale multimedia library projects for the distribution of digital audio and video information across a campus network.

Students are able to access recordings, musical scores and other on-line databases and information services related to music. The devel-

resources (course materials, journals, exam papers, e-mail addresses), resources held elsewhere and authoring tools so faculty can develop courseware and their own electronic resources for students.

The National Library of China in Beijing, the Hong Kong Institute of Education and the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka are among a growing number of opment of musical score Asian institutions using IBM



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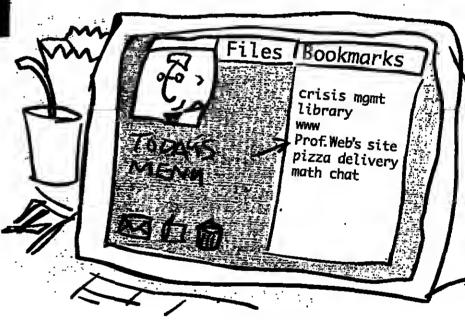
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a learner-centered model, network computing is providing new ways of accessing resources, delivering programs and fostering interactivity among students,

teachers, families and the community.



sical score notation is planned for the future.

In addition, the School of Music intends to expand services to include the other IU campuses throughout the state and eventually to share out-of-print and hard-to-obtain collections with other universities around the

In the United Kingdom,

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IBM is working with De Montfort University to develop the country's first online digital library, based on a purpose-built IBM supercomputer. When completed, gion.

The National Library of China in Beijing, Asia's largest library, has been working with IBM to digitize hundreds of thousands of documents spanning more than 5,000 years.

1BM is also participating in the first Asia Pacific Digital Library Consortium. consisting of members from leading institutions in China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, to identify, define and promote standards for the growth of federated digital libraries throughout the re-



TOP MARKS FOR SMART CARD

Them are smarter access such facilities as adthan others," says Simon Nutt, worldwide sales manager of IBM's global smart solutions unit. sonal telephone directory. "Dumb" smart cards, he explains, are those with stored value and are the most widely diffused today. especially in France. Smarter cards have processing capability built in and are just beginning to

make an impact. The summa cum laude of smart cards in academic settings is the Studentenchipkaart (Student Chip Card) in use at nine universities and colleges in the Netherlands. More than 250,000 cardholders use them for a range of on- and off-campus applications, from borrowing library books to making electronic cash payments.

"The real interest in this application is the multitasking," says Mr. Nutt. "It is unique in my experience because of the card's ability to perform separate tasks."

The card combines a range of functions that previously required separate documents. It serves as a college ID card, library card, phone card and public transport card. It can also be used as an "electronic purse" for payment at par-

ministration systems. Cardholders can also add other information, such as a per-

"The information on this card is harder to duplicate and read than that on a magnetic strip card," says Mr. Nutt. The user has the option of locking the entire card or pieces of information with a PIN number.

The identification/authorization function of the Studentenchipkaart is well suited to Internet and intranet access for distance learning. Interest is so great that within a few years, "it will be unthinkable to operate without it in the Dutch educational system." claims Peter Ritsema, director of the Studentenchipkaart Foundation.

The card was produced by a consortium made up of IBM, Dutch telecommunications corporation PTT Telecom and Informatie the Dutch government agency that manages student affairs.

"With more than 28 million contacts a year with students, parents, etc., the IB-Groep needs to rationalize streams of information," says Karel van Eykelenburg, who heads

Il smart cards are ticipating schools and other the IB-Groep. "The Stu-smart, but some of businesses. It is a "key" to dentenchipkaart plays an dentenchipkaart plays an important role in improving the quality of service and

achieving cost reductions. A 1998 IBM-sponsored benchmark survey on higher education in Europe revealed that universities consider finding new funding sources their most critical challenge, with controlling costs (administrative and personnel) not far behind.

Technology can help them address these problems, just as it helps forprofit businesses. Networked campuses can manage purchasing, food services, human resources and libraries more cost-efficiently, points out Diana Oblinger, manager, academic programs and strategy; 1BM global education.

IBM is currently discussing similar card rollouts with potential academic customers in the United States and Europe, There are smart cards on many U.S. campuses today, but Beheer Groep (IB-Groep), they are restricted to university use and have fewer applications on a single card. At one U.S. Ivy League school, "dumb" smart cards are used for selected dormitory washing machines and dryers, and "they are the most popular laundry machines on carnpus," a student reports, •

SHARING COMPUTER POWER

not surprising that research remains a driving force on the network today.

High-performance computing and simulation dramatically reduce the time it takes to solve critical research problems. The costs of research

are equally dramatic. In the United States, university research spending totals about \$20 billion a year, with funding coming primarily from government sources but also from corporations, foundations and the re-

sources of the educational institutions themselves. One cost-effective technique is parallel processing, which allows two or more processors to

be internet was developed as a research tool

execute simultaneous, coordinated subsets of the for U.S. academics in the early 1980s, so it is same program, significantly reducing the turnaround time of numerically intensive programs. Networking makes it possible for researchers in dispersed locations to take advantage of this

> At Pennsylvania State University in the United States, for example, researchers' workstations have been tied together so everyone can share computing power. More than 50 workstations located in 10 departments and 17 research groups compose the Penn State cluster. According to Kevin Morooney, manager of the numerically intensive computing group, "The beauty of clustering technology is that it allows us to create a

there is more computing power available without having had to give anything up - a win-win situation. At the University of Karlsruhe in Germany, IBM has helped install a distributed computing environment with the largest memory of any par-

allel system in Europe.

virtual resource. Each researcher perceives that

In the Netherlands, SARA (Stichting Academisch Rekencentrum Amsterdam) worked with IBM to develop its parallel processing capacity. SARA can simulate or analyze complex processes that would not have been technically or economically feasible without the clustering technique.

As the Internet becomes crowded with e-mail and entertainment, educators and corporations, including IBM, are developing a high-speed Internet2 reserved for the network's original raison d'être: research.

"The 'one size fits all' Internet that is currently in place must be overhauled to support a greater range and variety of uses," says Graham Spanier, president of Pennsylvania State University and chairman of a U.S. commission on information technologies for universities. "Both low-end and high-end services are needed, and they should be made available in the marketplace with prices and costs appropriate to their intended uses." .

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Bill Mahder.

The Power and the Poetry of the Once-Prim Pleat













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Clockwise from left: Bouncing pleats from Issey Miyake; Chanel's 1920s-style pleated tweed coat; gauzy sunray-pleat skirt from Marc Jacobs: fan pleats from Jeremy Scott; a statue from the exhibitian 'L'Art au temps des Rois Maudits' at the Grand Palais in Paris; Marilyn Monroe in 'The Seven Year Itch'; Isadara Duncan's adopted daughters wearing Fortuny dresses, and Magritte's sun princess from the Brussels Beaux Arts exhibition.

Suzy Menkes

Rene Magritte had the words for it. "Prin-cesse Soleil" — sun princess — he wrote on a fashion sketch of a fan-pleated skirt. In 1925 he set the tone for the century: that pleats are prissy and princessy.

Sure, Marilyn Monroe did her best to rev up the image in the famous sceoe when her skirt blows thigh-ward in "The Seveo Year Itch." But come mini or maxi, pleated skirts bave remained stubbornly prim — the preserve of schoolgirls, lady golfers and librarians.

Yet suddenly, pleats are have turned them into the must-bave of the season. The American designer Marc Jacobs has eveo made the knee-

out of its staid cootext and redrawn as a graphic, modern style. Karl Lagerfeld had pleated tweed coats in his oew collection, while Lang played with gauzy box-pleats.

new pleats that remove them skirts. For Jeremy Scott, an sey, permanently pleated. anarchic American designer in Paris, fan pleats in clinical white were a pivotal theme.

"I wanted something light and ethereal that was also strong and graphic," Scon said. "When I was designing hip. Edgy young designers the collection, I started to scribble these lines and they

looked like pleats.' The designer was inspired leogth, knife-pleated skirt his exhibition that showed the re- and tops in neutral shades,

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trademark. Worn with a cash- lentlessly modernist designer mere tank-top and heels, it working with pleats to create has that dowdy-but-chic look evening dresses in the 1980s. that is currently cool.

Scott's own pleated geometry printed designs by different tesans of the Edwardian era, breezily at the sea shore, symon which the sunray pleated skirt oever set: America, Carthe Pre-Raphaelite "souls." bolizing the gale of change that Lang, the pleat has been taken who asked him to design outout of its staid cootext and refits for her new tour.

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along the dancer Isadora Duncan was blowing though the stuffy
and the actress Lillian Gish.

But are pleats really modem? Issey Miyake would cry emphatically "yes." When he was looking for light-as-air outfits for William Forsythe's It is the airy lightness of the Frankfurt Ballet in 1990, he came up with simple designs from the more familiar stern in feather-light polyester jer-

> It was the seed of Pleats Please, started in 1993, which has grown by 40 percent a year and oow sells 246,000

pieces annually. Last week, the latest Pleats Please store opened in New York's SoHo, joining other freestanding shops in Loodon, Paris and Tokyo, aloog with stores worldwide that by a visit to a Pierre Cardin stock the basic pants, skirts

come true.

Make your dreams

"ALHAMBRA" Collection

Nohuyoshi Araki and now Tim Hawkinson.

Miyake's creations are modern, because they are a wet and folded silk, laid oo bantam-weight dream. They also offer liberty ated the eloogated dresses that of movement - and freedom outlined the curves of the from seasonal fashioo diktats. That appeals to an arty, Bohemian crowd, thereby taking Pleats Please back to the start of the century and the master of the poetic pleat: Mariano Fortuny

"Delphos" dress, named for the folds and drapes lines in the 1920s, pleats also on classical Greek statues.

The designer took to his grave the secret of how the traveler's heated porcelain tubes, crebody in a way that was revolutionary in a corseted Belle showed it with a nipped-in Epoque era. In the book "Fortuny hy Delphine Desvaux But worn over layers of stiff (Thames and Hudsoo) the pictures prove bow daring and timeless his creations were.

When Chanel raised hemspelled modernism — in a dif-

topped up each seasoo with made the reputation of the ferent and sporty way. The the subsequent fashion youth-high fashion colors. Since Venice-based Fortuny, whose fashion illustrations of the era quake of the 1960's.

Yet there was one country

How then did pleats later hecome associated with all that was ladylike and proper?

The culprit seems to bave been Christian Dior. The couturier immortalized the sunray pleated skirt when he jacket as his 1947 New Look. petticoats, pleass lost the sensuality and ease and became formal wear. The pleated skirts were then parlayed into the 1950s that was rejected in

rying the torch for fashioo freedom, the early designers of American sportswear gave power to the pleat as something in which womeo could stride out, free of the con-

straints of the pencil skirt. On American women, the pleat as much as pants, spelled freedom and a Big ountry elegance.

It may be significant that it is an American designer who has taken up the flame, restoring the pleated skirt to its

U.S. Schmil.

Dwindling Couture Yet another Paris house is

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dropping haute couture. Nina Ricci, founded in 1932, does not appear on the official list of the July shows. The house that was bought in January hy the Spanish perfume group Puig is in the process of laying off-all its couture studio hands in order to stem losses and to concentrate on fragrance and accessories, according to a Paris

source. Reached at Paco Rabanne oo Mooday (a house Puig owns along with Ricci) Mariano Puig said: "I am not able to talk, we are going through the prissy Doris Day look of place at the forefront of gutsy. the legal process of information inside the bouse."

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BOOKS

INNER REVOLUTION: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Real Happiness By Robert Thurman, 322 pages.

\$24.95. Riverhead. Reviewed by David Guy

ONE of the strangest books to come along in years, "Inner Revolution" is an odd mixture of personal history, Buddhist theory, New Age babble and political manifesto. All of those elements are tossed into the same stew and one never knows what will bubble

A loogtime professor of Bud-dhist studies, Robert Thurman traveled to India as a young man and became a monk among Tibetan exiles. He also became a friend of the Dalai Lama and was instructed by men close to him.

In its coltures of origin, Buddhism was largely practiced in monasteries, with lay people giving financial and other kinds of support. Elsewhere, however, it has been primarily lay people who practice. They haven't been eager to shave their heads and take a vow of celibacy, but they regularly sit in meditation, study Buddhist texts and go on long and rigorous retreats.

Thurman is therefore an anomaly in today's boom, believing that monasticism is one of Buddhism's great inventions and a major reason for its success. He states that he lived in a perpetual "state of orgasm" as a monk and that he tried to remain one after he came back to the United States. He soon saw the futility of this project and became a professor. It is very much as a professor that he speaks in this book, full of intellectual energy and enthusiasm.

He also seems prooe to the kind of professorial statement that has us glowing as we leave the classroom but doesn't stand up to scrutiny. We novels, wrote this for The Washmight like to hear that "our civ- ington Post.

ilization is ripe for another step in what the Buddha saw as our inevitable evolution toward happioess" or that Tibes was "a culture in which everything was geared toward helping all individuals become the best human beings they can be," but he offers little evidence.

Also, in his history of Buddhism and its migration to Tibet, be slips in tidbits that hardly seem scholarly. When he tells us that the Buddha withdrew his adherence to his bodily form" because it was "more healthy for the community that he remove his personal authority" (the story I heard was that he died of food poisoning) or that "Tibet has been the secret dynamo that throughout this millennium has slowly turned the outer world toward enlightenment," be sounds like a guy hawking incense and crystals.

As one may have guessed, I am one of the lay practitioners I have alluded to, and though I am cowed by the thought of criticizing a famous Buddhist scholar, I don't believe Buddhism is served by foggy thinking, unverifiable statements or extravagant claims. I also don't buy his attitude of reverence for specific people, even the Dalai Lama, although I admire and respect him.

Thurman's ultimate vision is of a Buddhist political revolution, and bere his naïveté knows no bounds. He actually states that "the practical problems of world management are oot that hard to solve" and proceeds to offer 10 planks of a poliocal platform that he seems to believe any right-thinking country will adopt as soon as it hears them. I agree with every one of his planks and think they are beautifully stated. but if he believes that America is about to adopt them, he's had his head in too many esoteric texts.

David Guy, the author of four

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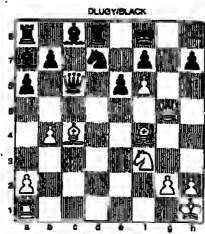
By Robert Byrne

HESS is shot through with ambiguines and uncertainties. Wheo you sacrifice coocrete values - rooks or knights - for a less tangible attack, are you hluffing or creating a work of art? Your opponent has to expend a lot of meotal effort to figure out your inten-

But what about you, the originator? Was it clear to you wheo you made the sacrifice that you really did have everything under your cootrol, that force had to overcome material? Another possibility is that you set out with an ingenious bluff in mind and only after having completed a oumber of moves down the path grasped that you had struck gold

A receot stunning sacrifice by the Armenian grandmaster Smbat Lputian to defeat the Fort Lee, New Jersey, grandmaster Maxim Dlugy in the fourth round of the New York Opeo is a beautiful example of ambiguides.
The Queen's Gambit Accepted.

..dc, gives up Black's toehold in the center in the hope of getting open lines for his pieces and a counterattack. Yet it concedes White a rapid development



Position after 20 ... Qc6

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED 12 Kh1 13 Rf2 Nf2 Bf2 Ba7 d5 dc e6 Nf8 c5 a6 Bc5 Qc7 Ng4 Nf2 Nh3 14 Nbd2

18 Qd2 19 Qg5 20 Bi4 21 Rdi 22 Rd8 on which to base dangerous attacks. The point of the variation Lputian chooses with 6 Qe2 is 10 exchange pawns after 6...a6 7 dc Bc5. He thus avoids an isolated d pawn or an exchange of queens, and starts his central

aggrandizemeot early with 8 e4. Years ago the promineot Russian the-oretican Jacoh Nejstadt gave his imprimatur to the counterattack with 9... Ng4 10 O-O Nf2, but Lputian's play in the current game calls it into ques-

Nejstadi's analysis went: 11 Rf2 Bf2 12 Kf2 b5 13 h3 O-O! 14 Ba3 bc 15 Bf8 Kf8, with an eveo game. But Lputian's 11 b4!? creates a sea of complications. Dlugy was willing to take a draw after 11...Nh3 12 Kh1 Nf2, but Lpurian insisted on sacrificing a rook and pawn for a knight with 13 Rf2 Bf2 I4 Nbd2.

After 17 ef, Dlugy might have tried 17...Rd8, to keep the white queen away from the key attacking square d2, because 18 Bh6 Nd7 19 Qe6!? Nf8 (19...fe? 20 Be6 Kh8 leads to 21 Bg7 mare) 20 Qc7 Qc7 21 fe Be6 22 Be6 Ne6 23 ed/Q Rd8 24 Rc1 would probably end in a draw.

After 18 Qd2!, it would not have done Rlack and conditions and conditions are the second seco

Black any good to run with 18...Kh8 19 Qh6 Rg8 20 Ng5 Nf8 2I Bd3 Qd7 because of 22 Nh7! Rg6 23 Qf8 Rg8 24

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Qh6 Rg6 25 Qh5 Qd5 26 Ng5 Kg8 27 Qh7 Kf8 28 Qf7 mate. After 21 Rd1!, Dlugy faced 22 Rd7! Qd7 23 Qg7 Keg 24 Qg8 mate. After 21...Nf6 22 Rdg Nes 23 Ne5, he gave up. avoiding 23...Qa4 24 Qh5 Ke7 25 Qf7 Kd8 26 Bg5 Nf6 27 Bf6 mate.

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Imagining the Breakup of Microsoft 'Baby Bills' Could Be a Clean Solution to the Antitrust Problem

By Denise Caruso

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Now that the Justice Department and the attorneys general of 20 states have filed long-threatened antitrust suits against Microsoft Corp., the question remains why the most obvious, and **NEWS**

perhaps cleanest, solution has yet to be con- ANALYSIS sidered: the breakup of Microsoft into its component businesses.

Many analysts and indostry execu-tives have noted that the complex, arcane lawsuits filed last week are probably too closely tied to the software giant's current products and business

strategies to have any lasting effect.

Demands regarding Windows 98, for example, or eveo specific concessions to Microsoft competitors such as Netcape Communications Corp., will probably be outdated in a matter of

By Allen R. Myerson

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Let the competition

begin to write the first rough drafts of the

By the time the Justice Department

Bill Gates chapter in American history.

filed its antitrust suits against Microsoft

Corp. last week, the argument in some

quarters had already come down to how

much Mr. Gates was like John D. Rock-

efeller, whose Standard Oil holdings

made him the most famed monopolist of

chairman, Robert Pitofsky, was a law

professor who taught about the Supreme

Court's decision to break up Standard Oil. "Market power that John D. Rock-

efeller would envy" is how Mr. Pitofsky

has described Mr. Gates's position.

The Federal Trade Commission's

mooths as technology changes, But perhaps most important, the chal-lenges to Microsoft's monopoly do not address the more fundamental issue of how to ensure a truly competitive en-vironment in which software code is the currency upon which a new digital

economy is increasingly based. Microsoft's control of the market for operating systems is the key to its continuing efforts to dominate applications programs, new media and other businesses - a power that has prompted

speculation about a hreakup for years.

Most recently, a Silicon Valley research institute, SRI International, offered a hypothetical model in which Microsoft eventually becomes five separately owned and operated companies. which SRI called the Baby Softs.

These Bahy Softs — some would call them "Baby Bills," after Microsoft's Bill Gates and the "Baby Bells" that sprang from the AT&T breakup -

Who Plays a Better Game of Monopoly?

Mr. Rockefeller's wealth barely

reached \$1 hillion. That was in 1913, at

the beginning of an inflationary century,

and does oot account for his habit of

giving money away almost as fast as he

made it. Bot adjust for inflation and add

back the money that Mr. Rockefeller donated, and Mr. Gates is still ahead.

Ronald Chernow, author of "Titan: The

Life of John D. Rockefeller" (Random

House, 1998), estimates that in today's

currency, Mr. Rockefeller was worth at most \$25.6 hillion.

Microsoft shares, more than 20 percent

of the company. Antitrust actions have

cut his net worth, but as of the close of

stock-market trading Friday, he was still

But who, then, has lived better?

good for \$46 billion.

Mr. Gates owns nearly 542 million

It's a Tough Call When Comparing Bill Gates and John D. Rockefeller

seems to be Mr. Gates.

would consist of the following:

· An operating-system company that sells all versions of Microsoft's Windows operating system.

 An applications-software company that invents, acquires and sells classical productivity applications such as word processors, spreadsheets, data hases, and internet browsers.

· A media content company, taking as its genesis today's Microsoft Network, that would acquire, promote and sell access to on-line and traditional media products.

 A networking company that includes such technology assets as the recently acquired WehTV Networks.

 A company that oversees the holdings of Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates, and anything else that does not fit into the other companies The logic of such a serup becomes

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begun to compete. Mr. Rockefeller had

estates in Cleveland and Florida, but his

prime residence was a 3,600-acre estate

than four times the size of Central Park

in Pocantico Hills, New York, more

in New York City. He rerouted roads

and even a railroad in the area lest soot

and smoke ruin his golf game.

Mr. Gates is still huilding his \$35
million waterfront bome near Seattle.

With a 20-car garage tunneled into the hillside, a combination indoor waterfall/ spa/60-foot (18-meter) pool and video

walls that can be programmed to display

a guest's favorite art, Mr. Gates is still

trying to reconcile the demands of in-

fotech flashiness, environmental cor-

rectness and domestic tranquillity.

But in other ways, Mr. Rockefeller

and Mr. Gates earnestly compete across

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For starters, who is really richer? It Rockefeller, though Mr. Gates has only





Tokyo dealers working as Treasury Secretary Rubin conferred with Finance Minister Zadornov of Russia.

Yen Plunges Again on U.S. Remarks

By Philip Segal

HONG KONG - Views on U.S. foreign-exchange policy attributed to the U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Rohin, seot the yen plunging against the dollar Monday, threatening to deepen Asia's economic crisis by setting off another round of currency devaluations in the region.

The dollar rose above 137 ven for the first time in almost seven years, already nearing the target most economists forecast it would reach by the end of the

But even those forecasts could amount to something of a smoke screen. For fear of offending Japanese authorities, "most houses, if they're putting out 140 to the dollar by year end, they mean 165," said an official at a Euro-

pean bank in Tokyo. Ecocomists are divided about which currencies in Asia would be hardest hit hy a continuing rapid fall in the yen, but all agreed that a plunge threatens at least some Asian currencies with speculative attacks such as those that sent waves of turmoil through the world's financial markets last fall.

The fear in Asia is that as the yen deteriorates, exports to Japan from the rest of the region will dry up and Japanese investment in Asia will slow. Asian currencies from Thailand to Malaysia to Taiwan and South Korea could then once again come under spec-

It's more an issue of rate of change rather than the level of the yen," said Tim Coodon, an ecocomist with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Hong Kong. 'A dramatic weakening in a short time within a quarter — would be destabilizing for all of the regional cur-

A devaluation of the Chinese currency, the yuan, would almost certainly

While he said he was confident that China would not be forced to devalue, Dong Tao, a Credit Suisse First Boston economist, said that in the rest of Asia,

"currency stability is extremely fra-gile" and that a sharply weaker yen "certainly would result in at least a short-term panic.

trigger another round of turnoil in fi-

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Can Insurgents and Investors Mix?

By Don Kirk

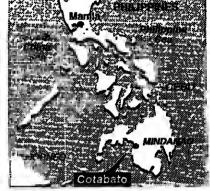
COTABATO, Philippines scrawoy man brandishing an M-16 rifle emerged from behind the crude wooden barricade, waving down a taxi and ges-turing it to the side of the road.

The taxi driver had whizzed through half a dozeo roadhlocks whose guardians did not seem interested in stopping

it, but this man was serious.
"Where are you going?" he wanted to know, "What are you doing here? What is your business?'

Dropping the names of the leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the rebel group that controls a stretch of the highway about 60 kilometers (37 miles) east of bere, was enough to stop the

All the man wanted theo was a 'donation' of 600 pesos (about \$15), which the taxi passengers handed over before speeding on toward this city at the heart of Bangsamoro, the land of the Moros. It extends from southern Mindanao, the large southern island of



the Philippines, south through the Sulu

archipelago. Because of the peace-and-order problem, foreign investors are afraid," said Pax Mangudadato, a Muslim leader

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But, in comparing them, why simply speculate, when the evidence is there? Judging from their homes, it's Mr. Thinking Ahead /Commentary

U.S. Schools Fail to Fill the Skills Gap

By Reginald Dale nal Herald Tribune

TT TASHINGTON — How omy keep up its world-beating dynamism of the past six years? Ask an economist, and you will probably hear a lot about inflation, interest rates and exuberant financial markets.

Ask someone who runs a business today, and the reply will be very different. The chances are you will be told that the Achilles' heel of America's economic performance is a growing shortage of skilled labor.

More and more companies, particularly those using the most advanced technologies, say they are cutting back expansion plans —or transferring some operations abroad — because they simply cannot find enough workers with

the requisite skills in the United States. shortage threatens not just the current get a joh in a modern auto plant. shortage interates not just the con-economic expansion but America's con-tinuing domination of the computer and software technologies that will be cru-where estimates of unfilled vacancies software technologies that will be cru-cial to prosperity in the 21st century.

putting the question might be: How long can a country whose high school students score so poorly in mathematics and science hope to retain world

of the country that threatens the foundation of American competitiveness. ation of American competitiveness.' ably, that the legislation risks discriminating against American workers and

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imply cannot find enough workers with he requisite skills in the United States.

Many people in business believe the oot have the math skills necessary to

run into the hundreds of thousands. Seen from this angle, a better way of According to one industry leader, the unemployment rate in electrical engiocering is a rock-bottom 0.4 percent.

There are two obvious ways of meeting the demand: Train more Americans or hire skilled workers from abroad. But

Labor unions complain, unreason-shly that the legislation risks discrim-E-mail address:

holding wages down. With somewhat greater justification, they accuse employers of wanting only to hire young workers trained in the latest techniques, often straight from colleges

But the unions ought to be able to see that it makes more sense to bring the foreigners to America than to move the jobs to the foreigners. U.S. companies should both be allowed to recruit the best of the foreigners, before they are snatched up by rival companies, and be encouraged to help train more Amer-

Unfortunately, according to the Council on Competitiveness, the United States has an aging work force and a youth population that is "largely unprepared" for highly skilled work.

"In the coming years," the council says, "new entrants to the work force will present an even tougher challenge: They are projected to be the least prepared and the most ethnically, racially, and gender diverse in history.

But there is also widespread agreement among experts that the American school system is not good enough at teaching the skills needed by industry, nor at inculcating the ambition to excel in science and math. Many young people are more interested in what they see as get-rich-quick careers in eotertainment or sports.

technological leadership?

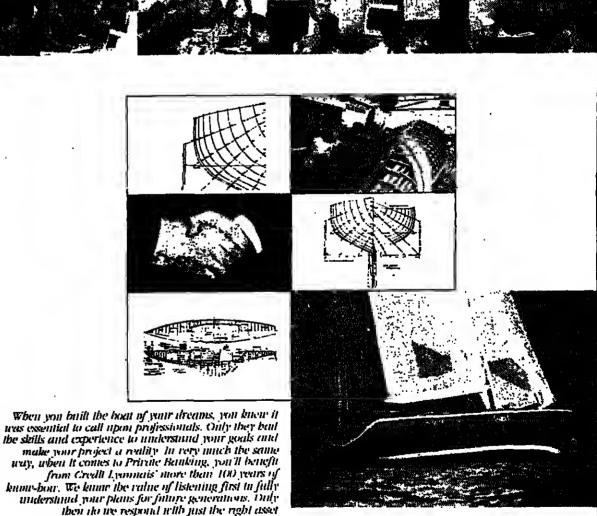
The problem affects virtually every kind of business. According to a report just published by the Council on Competitiveness, a private, compartisan policy forum in Washington, there is a policy forum in Washington, there is a factor skills shortage in every part af the council of the council on Competitiveness the foundation of the council on Competitiveness and Central Europe.

Business is not doing enough either—training expenditure per worker appears to have fallen in the past 15 years. Bot the Council on Competioveness says it is still not too late to confront the skills challenge. The important thing is to tackle it now, while the economy is Business is not doing enough either

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Maker of Quirky Games Finds Shelf Space on Web

By James Ryan New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The Virtual Pel (www.lavamind.com/ pet.html) is one of the more oddly compelling Web-side attractions to bave sprung up on the Internet.

A million or so visitors find their way there each year to gawk at the enlogies posted in loving memory of Misty the Brown Mutt or Moretta and Her Kittens. Most are probably unaware that they have been flagged down by a largerthan-life roadside attraction, like a Paul Bunyan statue. Once there, perhaps the tourist will stop by the gift shop and make a purchase.

At least that is the hope of Steven Hoffman and Naomi Kokubo, a husband-and-wife design team in their early 30s that operates the pet cemetery as a come-on for Lava Mind, their homebased company in San Francisco.

Lava Mind is best known for a series of zany CD-ROM business-simulation games for personal computers, including Gazillionaire and Zapitalism, which generally receive high marks from game reviewers for sheer fun and pliability, and from educators for instructional value.

In Gazillionaire, players putter from planet to planet in funky spaceships buving and selling commodities in an effort to outwit aliens. Zapitalism is a more advanced variation on the same theme. played out in a tropical archipelago complete with monks and pirates.

Despite the games popularity, selling them has required creativity in the last few years, as the CD-ROM game industry has consolidated around a handful of big publishers. Small publishers such as Lava Mind with niche titles like Gazillionaire have been all but squeezed out of retail stores.

"li's impossible these days for a small. self-published game to get shelf space, no matter what the genre, 'said Elizabeth Crocker, creator of Happy Puppy, a Web site that publishes game reviews.

So Lava Mind, which had been struggling with its retail-distribution network, decided to shift to a marketplace with infinite shelf space; the Internet. Sales on the World Wide Web, averaging about \$6,000 a month, have been their primary source of income this year.

"It gives us a good feeling to know if somebody really wants to get our game. they can," Mr. Hoffman said.

Though it is difficult to gauge how much of their game sales can be attributed to traffic from Virtual Pet Cemetery, it is worth noting that the pel sile receives roughly three times the traffic of the Lava Mind home page itself.

Whatever the leaping-off point, cus-tomers who have discovered Lava Mind through the Internet include prison inmates and a parochial middle school in Albany, Georgia, which recently class in personal finance.

And when the authors of a top-selling introductory college business text, "Understanding Business," fell in love with Zapitalism earlier this year after stumbling upon it on the Internet, their publisher, Irwin/McGraw-Hill, bought 1,000 copies to send to professors to gauge their interest. The response was favorable, and Irwin/McGraw-Hill is considering bundling the CD-ROM with the book.

Ms. Rokubo, a graduate of the International Christian University in Japan, first worked at the Tokyo office of Morgan Stanley & Co. as a financial analyst and then beld a variety of positions ranging from interpreter to production coordinator for the Leo Burnett advertising agency in Japan.

Mr. Hoffman, who has a bacbelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of California and a master's degree in film and television production from the University of Southern California, worked on entertainment software projects for companies that included Lucasfilm Ltd. and Sega Enterprises Ltd. in Tokyo.

In 1994, having been married for four

ordered 14 copies of Gazillionaire for a years and having built up a cushion in their savings account, they quit their jobs in Tokyo to make a go of it on their own in the United States. What appealed to them most about working on a sboestring-budget CD-ROM from their home was that they could create the game they wanted without waiting for approval or financing.

Nine months and \$30,000 later, Gazillionaire was born. They released a shareware version of the game over the Internet, which proved so addictive to employees at Spectrum Holobyte, a software distributor, that the company bought the U.S. distribution rights.

Lava Mind estimates that 150,000 copies of the original Gazillionaire and two repackaged versions, Gazillionaire Player's Choice, and Gazillionaire Deluxe, have been sold.

The more advanced simulation, Zapitalism, was released last year, Although lonos Inc., a small company based in Scottsdale, Arizona, agreed to distribute it, Ionos had trouble negotiating shelf space, and Lava Mind has yet to receive

any royalties from the company. Rather than sit back frustrated and broke, the couple switched their ener-

gies to promoting their products over the Internet, which enables them to keep 100 percent of the average \$40 sale price, compared with just a few dollars for each disk sold through traditional channels. So while they are seeking a distributor for their third business simmlation game, Profitania, they are already offering it for sale on their Web site.

Ms. Crocker of Happy Puppy predicted that an increasing number of game developers would resort to direct Web promotions. "The Internet is definitely providing a medium for small developers to end-run the monopoly the big publishers and distributors have on the retail market," she said.

Still, repeating the Lava Mind model may be difficult, according to Regina Joseph, an interactive media analyst at Inpiter Communications.

"They came up with good ideas like the Virtual Pet Cemetery that people could connect with emotionally before anyone else and got a lot of traffic on word of mouth alone," Ms. Joseph said. 'If yon're not as lucky or talented as they are, you're going to have to spend money to advertise and publicize your product. That can get very expensive."



Steven Hoffman and Naomi Kokubo of Lava Mind lure potential customers for business games with their Virtual Pet Cemetery Web site.

A Late Entry, Sony, Leads the Video-Game Race

By Kris Goodfellow New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Mario the plumber has always done a good job of running and jumping through video games. But Parappa the Rappa has him worried about his age and his place in the living room.

The computer-gaming industry convenes in Atlanta this week for the Electronic Entertainment Expo and the annual battle of the gaming titans. This year, that mainly means a face-off between Nintendo Co., creator of Nintendo 64 and Mario, and Sony Corp., creator of PlayStation and Parappa, But how did this matchup come to

pass? Until three years ago. Sony bad

never released a video game. It was in the autumn of 1995 that Sony Computer Entertainment of America introduced the PlayStation video-game console. It seemed risky to enter a cyclical business such as video games. Not only was this a market with notoriously difficult consumers — finicky kids from 10 to 14 -- but it was a field dominated by two ferocious companies, Nintendo and Sega Enterprises Ltd. But Sony bas had great success.

More than 10 million PlayStations have been sold. PlayStation sales are estimated to have added \$510 million to \$680 million in profit to Sony Corp.'s

coffers in the year that ended in March. According to NPD Group, a market research firm, Sony controls 59 percent of the U.S. market, with Nintendo at 32 percent, leaving the rest to Sega.

There is so much momentum in this market for Sony," said Larry Marcus, an analyst with BT Alex. Brown. "Nothing can dethrone them right now."

Until Sony entered the market, the video-game business was split between the Super Nintendo Entertainment System and Sega Genesis. Both systems used 16-bit microprocessors, chips that processed graphics, sound and the other requisite information in snippets of 16 bits of data. But as computer power became less expensive, the time came for hardware that could create more compelling on-screen action.

Competitors seized the opportunity to enter the field, among them Sony. Although a gaming novice, the company had a consumer-electronics pedigree and, from its movie and music boldings, experience working with creative artists.

Sony also knew that, beyond the limitations of 16-bit technology, the gaming industry had another weakness: The games were stored in cartridges, which made for speedy game play but were expensive and slow to manufacture. Sony adopted the compact-disk format, which would allow more developers to

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create games while charging less. With more games, Sony could aim for a broader and older audience than Nin-

tendo's and Sega's 10-to-14-year-olds but also younger than the people in their 30s and older who were the target for personal computer game makers. When the Sony PlayStation entered

the market in September 1995, three socalled next-generation systems were already ont: the Sega Saturn, the Atari Jaguar and one from a company called 3D0. (Nintendo was still a year away from bringing out a new player.) But Atari and 3D0 were not able to overcome the superior muscle of Sega and Sony.

The Sega and Sony systems were similar - 32-bit, CD-based and priced at about \$300 - but the games were very different. Sega offered titles like Virtual Fighter, which were popular among devotees, but the company did not have the breadth in its lineup that Sony did.

In its first year, Sony released about 100 games from dozens of developers, which either sold their games outright to Sony or published games that could be played on PlayStation.

As a result of this arrangement, only five of the PlayStation's top 10 selling games that year were actually developed by Sony. The other five were developed by three outside companies that already had cachet in the gaming

industry: Nameo Ltd. and Psygnosis of Japan and Ubi Soft SA of France.

Their involvement was crucial, according to Andrew House, vice president for marketing at Sony Computer Entertainment of America. 'Sony didn't have an inherent at-

traction to gamers," he said. Nintendo had not disappeared, however. At the Electronic Entertainment Expo in 1996, the company demon-strated its 64-bit Nintendo 64 system, and the product was an instant hit. But because it appealed to youngsters between 10 and 14, it did more damage to Sega's

market share, while leaving Sony's sales

strong among older people.

Meanwhile, Sony's PlayStation hits have become stronger. Its own title, Parappa the Rappa, a follow-the-leader music game with sales estimated at 170,000, has become a favorite since its release last year. And Tomb Raider 1 and 2, from the British developer Eidos PLC, featuring the gamers' pinup girl Lara Croft, bave total sales estimated at

1.7 million copies. On the eve of this week's industry expo, which starts Thursday, Sega has announced a partnership with Microsoft Corp. and others ro produce a 128-bit video-game console called Dreamcast. That system is not expected to be released in the United States until late next year.

Very briefly:

 Microsoft Corp. agreed to join forces with Philips Electronics NV to develop its new Microsoft Digital Sound System 80, an 80-watt, three-piece personalcomputer audio system that includes two satellite speakers and a subwoofer with a built-in digital amplifier.

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Ruble and Deficit

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• Hiring activity in the United States in the third quarter is expected to remain at high levels, according to a Manpower Inc. survey showing the strongest indication of net hiring in 20 years.

 Brazilian stocks fell to a three-and-ahalf month low Monday as recent polls showed weakening support for President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, which could slow economic reform including sales of state assets. The Bovespa index for the Sao Paulo stock exchange fell 3.2 percent, or 326 points,

• Cinram International Inc.'s firstquarter profit fell 53 percent as the Toronto-based maker of compact discs and cassettes sold them for less and customers such as movie studios and music publishers had fewer hit releases. Net income dropped to 2.8 million Canadian dollars (\$2 million) from 5.9 million dollars. AFX. Reuters, Bloomberg

Note to Readers

Financial markets and banks in the United States were closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

MICROSOFT: 'Baby Bills' Could Solve the Antitrust Problem

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apparent when viewed against the spe-

To preserve competition for Internet browser software, Justice Department officials have asked that Microsoft either decouple its Internet Explorer browser from Windows 98 or include

Although this demand might provide the operating system like Windows NT or Windows 2000 — which, like Windows 98, will incorporate Microsoft's an integral part of the operating system.

The Justice Department has various to let computer makers distribute rival browsers if they so choose — something the company has contractually forbidden manufacturers to do in the past. The states, in their lawsuit, want to stop Miof Windows for computer makers.

Breaking up Microsoft into separate force personal-computer makers and consumers to accept the company's applications and World Wide Web links.

To preserve competition for Internet

an unnecessary entitlement for Netscape, crosoft bas to date been intractable. It is speaking on condition of anonymity. it still does not provide for what happens none of the government's business, the build into its operating-system software, including applications like browsers.

browser in such a way that it appears to be such that when lines between operating you cannot go. Don't go there!" systems and applications blur - as they have recently — the ability of Microsoft's other goals, including forcing Microsoft competitors to provide innovative applications, and the ability of consumers to

buy those products, is all but eliminated. and the boundaries, of the software industry will be necessary to level the

crosoft Office application suite to sales itors and to create a foundation for the future of digital commerce.

Rather than cutting incremental deals cific demands of the lawsuits filed last operating-systems and applications with Microsoft about specific products week. Most of the demands in the suits companies, with a clear definition of and practices, the government should ask: are intended to stop Microsoft from us- those two categories, would eliminate. In what areas are there companies that ing its operating-system monopoly to the need for all these demands. Leaving want to compete? Where are competitors

In fact, in seeking to re-establish a tlement agreement with Microsoft, "said competitive market, the definition of an a prominent Silicon Valley lawyer who. operating system as opposed to an ap- contends that the current lawsuits do not plication is a crucial component of any go far enough. "There needs to be a legal action against Microsoft. This is a bright line drawn that can't be intercontentious area, and one in which Mi- preted through wordsmithing," he said,

'If there are ambiguities on a piece of when Microsoft ships future versions of company says, to decide what it will paper," the lawyer added, "Microsoft" will just do what they want and argue later about the paper. The government But the malleable nature of software is needs to say: 'These are the places where

Certainly, it would be no picnic for the government to enter a definitional debate with Microsoft in an attempt to draw that bright line separating its operating system from other software products. But In the end, defining the components, by not addressing these fundamental issues, the government could squander an opportunity to build a lasting foundation.

crosoft from linking the sales of its Mi- playing field for Microsoft's compet- for fair competition in the digital age. GATES: Is Microsoft's Chief Cut Out to Be the King of Monopoly?

the decades in cheapness. Mr. Rockefeller's estates in Pocantico Hills and Cleveland had their own golf courses, but amund water bazards be cut his risks by switching to old balls. He wore suits until they were shiny and sometimes billed his guests for board. Mr. Gates flew coach until

he bought his own plane a few months ago. He still feasts on fast-food hamburgers.

of image, who then sounds more like a rapacious monopolist? Here, too, it looks like an even match, as both borrowed the language of organized crime to describe what they were doing, even for came to be viewed as eccentdeeds that were entirely legal. ric and, for his charities small Standard Oil, using code and large, even benevolent. words to preserve secrecy, spoke of making competitors

'feel sick,' or of giving them "a good sweating." ing role in a saga that has been called the "Revenge of the instead of collecting a "vigorish," or "vig.

loan payment, unavoidable that they inadvertently confor borrowers who value their firmed many fears. censing payment, unavoid- props. Mr. Gates visited a another \$22 million. able for almost anyone who sixth-grade classroom in the

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then made a comeback, while Mr. Gates has done the reverse. Image-polishing was an art Mr. Rockefeller ignored up his company in 1911.

But, given the importance to define bim as a rapacious monopolist. Only then did he hire Ivy Lee, one of the first professional publicists. He followed Mr. Lee's advice to hand out shiny dimes to children. Living to age 98, he

Mr. Gates, attuned to the business celebrity culture from the start, look the leadhowever, have been so heavy-For organized crime, that handed in responding to commeans a regular extortionate petitors and public officials

lights and sent in a company Which brings us to public relations. Here, Mr. Rockefeller got off to a terrible start. Senate panel where he was portrayed much as Ida Tarbell described Mr. Rockefeller.

What, then, about true philanthropy? Who was genuuntil the Supreme Court broke inely the more generous? up his company in 1911. Hand it to Mr. Rockefeller, Thus the muckraking even though Mr. Gates has press, led by Ida Tarbell, got promised to catch up.

Quest for Oil. Money and Power" (Simon & Schuster, 1991). Daniel Yergin says Rockefeller gave away \$550 today. He established the Rockefeller Foundation and Rockefeller University, financed the University of Chicago and sponsored Spel-man College in Atlanta to said, "The Wright brothers

Mr. Gates promises to eventually give away more than 90 percent of his wealth. He has provided about \$555 million for the William H. Gates Foundation, pledged to spend about \$200 million through health. For Microsoft, it Discovering, like Mr. Rock- the Gales Library Foundation means a regular software li- efeller, that children are useful and has spread around at least

Like Mr. Rockefeller, he wants to use a personal com-. Washington Heights neigh- favors universities, having

Continued from Page 13 puter. It is figured into the borhood of Manhattan in donated libraries, biotechnocost of every machine. Now March after his bandlers had logy labs and computer cen-Microsoft wants to collect a strung five banks of movie ters to schools, including the University of Washington, Harvard and Stanford. He has given smaller amounts to Washington state campaigns to oppose a tax rollback, fearing damage to school systems, and to improve handgun control.

Mr. Gates and his defenders, however, would rather not compare him with Mr. Rockpromised to catch up. efeller in any respect, prefer-in The Prize: The Epic ring to liken him to the greatest inventors. Timemagazine, at its recent 75thanniversary celebration, made. the comparison manifest by million, equal to billions inviting him to speak about the Wright Brothers.

He eagerly drew parallels between their enterprise and his. Noting that he had visited : educate the families of freed created the single greatest cultural force since the invention of writing, for their invention became the first World Wide Web.

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EU Appears Set to Bar Digital-TV Venture

Several French companies began market for phone services for in-offering phone services after the dividuals is estimated at 40 billion

ecutive, Serge Weinberg, the French or 2.7 percent, 10 4,838 in Paris.

By John Schmid International Herald Trilnine

FRANKFURT - The European Union's antitrust authorities, in a showdowo with Germany's biggest media and telecommunications concerns, appeared ready Monday 10 block the creation of a dominant German digital pay-television company.

Although a decision is not expected until Wednesday, allowing room for last-minute lobbying and concessions, neither Kirch Group nor CLT-Ufa, the broadcasting company partly controlled by Bertelsmann AG, were prepared to Mr. Van Miert to debate the almake further compromises to the nies said Monday.

A veto of the planned merger would throw into disarray efforts to introduce digital pay-TV to Germany and potentially set a difficult burdle for future pay-TV alliances

Bloomberg News

doute SA, a French retailer, said

Monday it would begin offering

telephone services in France next

Telecom SA's rates by as much as

through the supermarket chain Casino Guichard-Perrachon SA,

Shell service stations and Teleciel,

an independent distributor of com-

70 percent,

week that will undercut France of Vivendi SA, and the supermarket

Kertel, its newly formed phone state-controlled France Telecom,

services unit, will offer prepaid which had the monopoly, phone cards through Pinault's French retail outlets FNAC, Conforama and Printemps, Pinault has access to

forama, Printemps and Redoute, a large number of customers, and

The cards also will be available this is definitely a big asset," said

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companies can guarantee in adbroadcast monopoly. Without new concessions meant to ensure open competition within Europe's single-largest broadcasting market, Mr. Van Miert has said, he will

block the merger. The outcome of the final decision remained unclear late Monday as national antitrust officials from the EU met in Brussels with liance. Last-minute compromises EU in their bid to merge their di-gital-TV operations, both compa-unil June 3, now set as the final deadline for a decision. A beated debate is expected Wednesday, when the 20-member commission

is due to vote. Deutsche Telekom AG, the Ger-

Pinault to Offer Phone Services in France

opening of France's market on Jan.

Bouygues SA, Cegetel, a subsidiary

group Auchan SA have offered

lower rates to steal customers from

Emmanuelle Thollon-Pommerol, a

According to Pinault's chief ex-

retail-industry analyst with Oddo

Ruble and Deficit Send Russian Stocks Reeling

Equities in Paris.

Bouygues Telecom, a unit of

lough precedent for media mer-gers, analysts said. lobbying effort to persuade Mr. seek in the German market. Van Miert to back down. Telekom The EU also blocked a p Karl Van Miert, the EU's com- operates Germany's largest cable- both companies to tearn up in 1994. petition commissioner, has said he TV network and is eager to take a Later, the huge start-up costs al-

wants to stop the alliance unless the stake in a subsidiary of the merged most forced Bertelsmann to scale Kirch-Bertelsmann operation back its digital-broadcasting amvance that they will not create a Martine Reicherts, a commission bitions. Massive investments also spokeswoman, said the alliance forced Kirch, which has posted 1.1 partners wrote written to the EU on billion Deutsche marks (\$623.9 Saturday to say they would not put million) in operating losses since forward any improved offers.

be the latest of many setbacks to the erations in Germany. effort to create a digital pay-TV platform in Germany. France, Italy and Spain already bave digital pay-TV operators.

ation has been in limbo since

francs (\$6.77 billion). It is expected

to grow 4 percent to 5 percent a year,

Mr. Weinberg said. About 6.3 mil-

lion people own credit cards for Pin-

ault-Printemps retail outlets, he said.

France Telecom is now obliged to

lease its network to other compa-

nies. Kertel will use France Tele-

com's network for most local calls.

For long-distance calls, it will chose

the network that is cheapest. Its other

network suppliers include Colt Tele-

com Group, WorldCom Inc., and

Teleglobe inc., the company said.

Pinault's shares rose 128 francs,

As a result of deregulation,

The EU also blocked a plan by 1996, to abandon its unaccompan-A rejection from the EU would ied efforts to begin digital-TV op-

The deal, if allowed to proceed, would merge Kirch's unprofitable DF-1 digital channel with Premiere, Germany's analog pay-The Bertelsmann-Kirch combin- TV cable channel.

An EU voto of the plan would November, when Mr. Van Miert have harsher consequences for restraining order that prevented the two pariners from mar-would probably see DF-1 go ou of keting their decoder boxes, which subscribers buy or reot to unscramble the digital-TV signals. That ruling froze the number of subburdle for future pay-TV alliances elsewhere in the EU by setting a is said to be engaged in a tough of the number the two companies ing rights from its large archives. business of renting movie and leas-

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help raise its solvency ratio - a

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The company agreed last week to sell most of its foreign

assets in return for a government

bailout valued at more than 125

billion francs, the biggest in

The French bank is open to

"free and friendly" discussion

with potential banking partners,

its chairman, Jean Peyrelevade,

said in an interview with the

Financial Times. The bank re-

cently rejected the idea of being

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To Sell Shares

Vendex Plans To Sell Unit To De Boer

AMSTERDAM - Vendex International NV will sell its food business to De Boer Unigro NV in a transaction valued at an estimated 2.1 billion guilders (\$1.06 billion), the compaoies announced Monday.

De Boer, the Netherlands' second-largest supermarket owner, will pay for the purchase by issuing two of its shares for every seven Vendex shares, Vendex said, allowing Vendex sharebolders a stake in both companies.

Vendex, in its efforts to become the largest Dutch department-store owner, is focusing on its nonfood business. In February it agreed to buy the retailer Royal Bijenkorf Be-beer NV, owner of the U.S. toy store chain F.A.O. Schwarz

Vendex spun off its cleaning and temporary-staff services unit into a separate company in a similar way to offer shareholder participation in

In Amsterdam, De Boer's shares rose 11.00 guilders, or 11.17 percenr, to 109.50 guilders, while Vendex gained 6.50 guilders, or 4.83 percent, to 141.00.

"It's a good deal and no sur-prise," said Dennis Jullens, an analyst at ING Barings. "But the timing's either mo late or too early. De Boer Unigro is still in the aftermath of its new merger. It might have been better to have waited."

De Boer Winkelbedrijven NV and Unigro NV combined their op-erations last year to become the second-largest Dutch supermarket

company.

The newest combined company would have a 24 percent market share in the Netherlands, still behind Royal Ahold NV, the largest Dutch food retailer. Ahold last week agreed to pay more than \$2.7 billion in cash for Giant Food Inc., as part of its strategy to become the world's No. 1 supermarket owner.

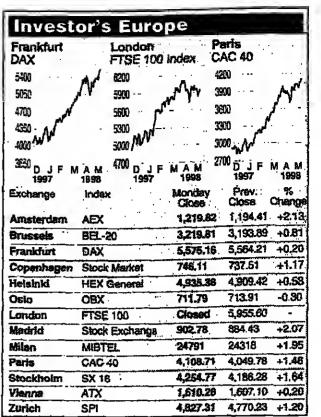
The De Boer Unigro-Vendex combination would get 23 percent of its sales from Belgium and Spain and about 35 percent from franchise and wholesale business.

The company is to include the upscale supermarket chain Super de Boer as well as Vendex's Edah, which aims at the price-conscious buyer, and the discount chain Basismarkt. In Belgium, the company would bave the Spar chain. Under the agreement, William

Angeneni, a Vendex board member, is to be chief executive for the first two years, with Robert ter Haar, De Boer's chief executive, as bis

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Very briefly:

• RAO Gazprom, the state-controlled Russian gas monopoly, said the government was pressing it to acquire the oil company RAO Rosneft in bidding that closes Tuesday because other potential bidders appeared to be too sbort of cash to pay the minimum price of \$2.5 billion.

· AO Yukos Oil Co. and AO Sibneft called off merger talks because of the recent volatility in Russian capital markets and continuing weak oil prices. The companies said they would focus on restructuring individually but still would carry out previously announced joint projects.

· Germany's low inflation rate shows few signs of rising, giving the Bundesbank time to nudge up interest rates ahead of monetary union, analysts said after reports from Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg suggested that Western Germany's preliminary inflation rate for May would be linle changed from the 1.3 percent annual rate registered in April.

· European Union foreign ministers approved a mandate for fast-track negotiations on a free-trade accord with Mexico, with negotiations expected to begin after Austria takes over the EU presidency from Britain in July.

· Saab Automobile AB announced investments totaling 1.2 billion kronor (\$156.1 million) at its Trollhattan car factory and Gothenburg transmission plant and reiterated that it expected to post a profit for the fourth quarter of this year and all of next year but a loss overall for 1998.

· Israel's central bank cut the rate at which it lends to banks by 0.3 percentage point, to 11.6 percent, its lowest level in four years. The new rate takes effect Thursday.

 Bouygues SA is considering buying Cable & Wireless PLC's 20 percent stake in its Bouygues Telecom venture, which would give Bouygues majority control and block C&W's plans to sell the stake to Telecom Italia SpA.

South Africa's economy grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 0.7 percent in the first quarter of 1998, less than many economists had expected, as gold production fell and manufacturing remained weak.

 Thyssen AG won a contract to build the longest escalator in Central Europe — a 100-meter (330-foot) moving staircase in a subway station in Prague.

The benchmark Russian Trading dex has fallen almost 30 percent System stock index fell 5.3 percent, since the end of April.

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for a fourth consecutive trading day almost 12 percent May 18, when the We bave been hearing this for a Monday amid concern about the Bank of Russia raised key interest while, and it's coming up again." strength of the ruble and the state of rates to 50 percent to belp prop up Russia's finances.

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"Until we see some development Foreign investors have been leav- with the tax situation and the situing Russian stock and debt markets ation with the ruble, probably the recently as coocern has grown that best-case scenario will be stagnathe risk of putting money into tion, said Oleg Dobritsky, a trader emerging markets such as Russia at OLMA Investment Co., a broker-

"On the market, there is some MOSCOW — Stock prices fell biggest drop since shares plunged fear that a devaluation could occur,

The government announced last week a plan to cut spending by 40 billion rubles (\$6.5 billioo) and lift reveoue by 10 billioo rubles to try to get control of its ballooning budget deficit.

The ruble strengthened against the dollar, which fell to 6.152 rubles from 6.154 rubles at Friday's close, according to the Moscow Interbank Corrency Exchange.

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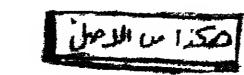
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Labor Unrest Sends Seoul Shares Sliding

SEOUL - The stock market plunged 6.8 percent to an 11-year it planned to lay off 8,200 workers, about one-fifth of its work force. limits on foreign shareholdings as fears of labor unrest intensified. The militant Korean Confedera-

non of Trade Unions, meanwhile, stood by its threat to strike Wednesday unless the government and companies accepted their demands.

Wethickness and raily in Seoul and elsewhere.

Government officials to including an end to rising layoffs. "We stand by our threat unless

night," a confederation spokesman stid. The Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, one of the country's two umbrella labor groups, has meet and South Korean companies about 550,000 members in such key sectors as the automotive, shipbuilding and steel industries.

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Japanese Slump **Hurts Toshiba**

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - Toshiba Corp.'s group pretax profit plunged to a 22year low in the year that ended in March as computer sales dried up toll, the company said Monday.

Toshiba said pretax profit fell 85 percent from a year earlier, to 18.7 hillion yen (\$138.3 million), the accused the government and the lowest level since the year that companies of not upholding their coded in March 1976. Net profit end of a subsequent agreement, numbled 89 percent, to 7.3 hillion gen, and sales fell 1 percent, to 5.46 trillion yen,

factors," said Kiyoaki Shimagami, sénior managing director of Toshiba, "which were losses in the ded 24.15 points Monday to 331.90, PC sector in the United States, losses due to the liquidation of sales outlets and the Southeast Asian curréncy fails.''

The effects of Southeast Asia's currency depreciations cut 12 billion yen from pretax profit, Mr. Shimagami said. He said Toshiba's sales of shares in Time Warner Inc. raised, to 30 percent from 25 perhad contributed 21.7 billion yea to pretax profit

Toshiba's shares fell 6 yen to close at 583.

Last week, Hyundai Motor Co. South Korea's higgest carmaker, said it planned to lay off 8,200 workers, or

The union spokesman said about 93,000 union members from 130 companies had already confirmed they would stop work at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday. He said strikers would

Government officials took a tough stand, warning that any strike action would be viewed as illegal our demands are met by Tuesday and would 'lower the country's order in work sites.

A spokesman said the governwould "do all possible to persuade union workers from going on strike because they will definitely have a negative influence on the overall economy and get in the way of corporate restructuring.

The government announced last week that a record 1.43 million people were out of work in April as the jobless rate rose to 6.7 percent, equaling a high set in February 1986. Many analysts expect the unemployment rate to rise further as the recession hites deeper and mass layoffs spread.

In January 1997, the union confederation staged a three-week general strike over a similar layoff law, hringing much of the country's heavy industrial sector to a halt, Then-President Kim Young Sam ended the strike by agreeing to postpone the law.

But this January, under pressure March as computer sales dried up from a new government to cooper-and Japan's economic slump took its ate in the midst of a deht crisis, the confederation agreed to allow implementation of the law.

signed in February, that called for labor, corporations and government to share the hardship from the fi-"There were three oegative nancial crisis that forced South Korea to seek IMF aid.

The Seonl composite index skidits lowest since Feb. 26, 1987.

South Korea fully opened its stock market to foreigners Monday, lifting a 55 percent limit earlier than originally scheduled in the bope of luring foreign funds into the shaky market. The ceiling on foreign boldings in state-run companies also was cent. But the moves, against the backdrop of labor unrest, appeared to be of little immediate interest to



overseas credibility and cause dis-

More Losses at Japan Banks

higgest banks said Monday that they had losses totaling 1.29 tril-lion yen (\$9.54 billion) in the previous business year because of massive disposals of bad loans, but that they would return to profit in the current year.

The 10, including Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd., the country's biggest commercial bank, joined for the 1997-98 financial year.

The earnings figures reflected the recalculation of problem loans under stricter U.S. accounting rules. Analysts had for years said the banks understated the size of may pull the rug from under trouthe problem, and the new figures hled construction companies.

for the 18 major banks showed a TOKYO — Ten of Japan's jump of nearly 40 percent to an estimated 21.7 trillion yen. All of the top banks took onetime charges against earnings to

> help cover existing and potential loan losses from the past business year before the start in April of stricter banking supervision. All 18 banks predicted that they would be profitable for the year

biggest commercial bank, joined ending next March 31, but analysts eight other Japanese banks in announcing huge loan write-offs for not mean the banks' problems the year ended March 31. Of the were behind them. They said that group, 13 reported pretax losses even the stricter rules probably excluded trillions of yen in loans that are likely to go sour.

Among new fears are that Japan could face a crisis this year because of the new supervision system that

On Monday, the confederation Tokyo Office Rents Fall for 6th Year

Bloomberg News

TOKYO -- Office rents here fell in 1997, their sixth consecuove annual decline, as real-estate companies increased the supply of oew offices, a private research company reported Monday.

Average moothly rents for new offices in Tokyo fell 3.9 percent in 1997 from the previous year, to 17,940 yen (\$132.64) per tsubo, a measure comprising 3.3 square meters or 35.5 square feet, Ikoma Data Service System Co. said.

Real-estate prices have declined every year since Japan's asset-in-flated "buhhle" economy ended in 1991. The new economic downturn that began last year when the government raised taxes has pushed land prices and office rents still lower, foreign investors. (AFP, Reuters) though reots for large, centrally lo-

cated buildings are starting to rise.

"There is cause for concern that there will be an oversupply after 1998," Ikoma said in the report. The research company forecast that landlords would supply nearly twice as much new office space this year as last year. Many companies are moving to cheaper offices or oegotiating new contracts to cut costs, squeezing major land developers' profits.
Still, the company forecast that

Tokyo office rents would rise 2 percent this year and would continue rising at that rate through 2003. It also said the office vacancy rate in Tokyo fell 1.3 percentage points in 1997, to 4.7 percent, the third consecutive yearly decline. Occupancy rates have been outperforming commercial realestate prices, which are still declining

Rupee Falls In Wake of Sanctions

BOMBAY - The rupee fell 0.8 percent to a record low Monday after Standard & Poor's Corp, said it might lower India's credit rating because of a possible cutoff of foreign capital after the United States imposed economic sanctions on the country.

The dollar closed at 40.97 rupees in Indian trading, compared with 40.65 rupees Friday. "The situation is dicey; the rupee is under pressure," said S. Surendranath, corporate chief at Batlivala & Karani Forex Management Services Ltd.

Although India's central bank did not intervene directly, it supported the rupee by selling dollars through the State Bank of India, dealers said.

The U.S. sanctions, which include a ban on exports of computers and other high-technology products and loans to the Indian government, were imposed in response to India's five nuclear test explosions on May 11 and May 13.

S&P, which on Friday lowered its outlook on India to negative from stable, also lowered its outlook for some of India's largest companies. The move could raise borrowing costs as foreign lenders charge Indian companies more for loans, hurting profits and slowing India's economic growth.

A ratings downgrade could occur if economic sanctions materially worsen the country's access to external funding, lower its growth prospects and exacerbate its already high fiscal deficit, Standard & Poor's said.

India's stock market, however, showed little reaction. The Bombay stock exchange index closed Mon-day at 3,908.11, up 0.28 perceni.

Flows of foreign capital into India have slowed this year. Provisional data released by India's capital-markets regulator showed that foreign institutiooal investors withdrew \$130 million in the first half of May. Dwindling foreign-currency earnings from exports were another source of concern, currency dealers said. Exports grew only 3 percent in the year ended March 31, while the trade deficit widened to \$6.8 billion from \$5.4 billion. In addition, data released by the ages including Nomura Securities Co.

central bank over the weekend showed that India's foreign-exchange reserves fell to \$28.67 billioo as of May 15 from \$29.19 billion the previous week, a drop of 1.8 percent, "What really worried people was oot the fall in reserves but the rate of fall," one currency trader said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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Very briefly:

 Japanese department-store sales in April rose 8.3 percent from a year earlier to, 716.5 hillion yen (\$5.3 hillion), while those at chain stores rose 1.8 percent, to 1.39 trillion yen. The increases largely reflected the sharp decline in personal consumption in the year-earlier month, when the government raised the national sales tax to 5 percent from 3 percent.

 Fidelity Investments Japan, a unit of the largest U.S. fund manager, said its funds under management rose 40 percent in the first four months of the year, to 397.2 billion yen.

• Thailand plans to sell as much as \$2 hillion of international bonds in July, a month later than previously planned, in the country's first internanonal deht sale this year. The Australian government raised about 350 million

dollars (\$221 million), which it said was "substantially" more than expected, through a sale of spectrum for mobile telephone service. Four companies won the right to join the country's three existing mobile-phone providers. Minolta Co.'s group net profit rose 60 percent, to 16.4

hillion yen, in the year that ended in March amid steady sales

of copy machines and printers. Sales at the camera maker rose 9.4 percent, to 490.3 hillion yen. Nippon Express Co.'s group net earnings fell 1.7 percent, to 27.04 hillion yen, in the year to March 31 as depressed demand for domestic transportation services was only partly offset by healthy export growth. Sales fell 0.2 percent, to 1.78

 A Japanese Finance Ministry inspector, Toshio Miyano, expressed regret and pleaded guilty to accepting bribes in the form of entertainment valued at \$40,000 from major broker-

 Nissan Motor Co. introduced a redesigned Skyline sports car into Japan's lackluster market for sedans, hoping to lure customers with horsepower and race-car-like handling. Prices range from 2.9 million yen for the hase model to 3.07 million yen for the 25GT-X Turbo.

 Samsung Motors Inc. of South Korea conceded that its joint-venture negotiations with Ford Motor Co. were fal-

ity Still Ram Indonesia Seeks Aid to Head Off New 'Upheaval'

Indonesia's new government is under intense pressure to carry out sweeping political reforms at the same time as it tries to revive an sion. In Jakarta, Dewi Anwar Foreradicate all the practices of cortuna, an Indonesian political scientist who is a senior aide to President B.J. Habibie, discussed the country's ment down. This will not be easy problems with Michael Richardson of the International Herald Tribune. Q. Does Mr. Habibie feel be bas a

mandate to remain for a full term as president, until 2003? A. Under the constitution, he has a mandate to carry on until 2003. But the political reality at the moment is that a lot of people have not really

But this task is beyond the power that a lot of people have not really given their support to the govern-

for the oext five years. Q. How? A. It must demonstrate that it is promised to do.

Q & A / Dewi Anwar Fortuna

considering how business was done in Indonesia for the past 32 years. There will have to be an anti-trust law to ensure fair competition. As try to restructure the economy so that those who are poor or frustrated will

The government will oeed public ment. So now it is up to the govsupport at bome and financial asemment to show that it can carry on sistance from the international com-

ruptioo, collusioo and ocpotism that World Bank, under pressure from the finally brought Suharto's govern- government of the United States, are withholding loans and aid until there is firm evidence of political reform?

A. It does worry us. This government will have to carry out political reforms because its survival depresident, Mr. Hahibie will have to pends oo them. But the Indonesian economy and people cannot wait six months or however long it will take to prepare the reforms and enact them into law. Meanwhile, the econof the Indonesian government alone. omy is devastated and people are starving.

If the economy does not improve soon, I am scared that the social munity if it is to do what it has upheaval we saw in Jakarta just a short time ago, which was a sign of ised, we will suspend aid.

the revolt of the urban poor, could erupt again. That would make it much, much more difficult for Indonesia to recover.

Q. What should foreign govern-ments and international financial inform?

partners. The Habibie government has said that it will carry out reform. It should be given the opportunity to prove that it can.

wait for six months or a year for the assistance that is required immediately. There is a need for international confidence to be restored in the ability of the government to carry out the reforms. At the same time, foreign governments and institutions can say: Look, if you do not implement the reforms you have prom-

MINDANAO: A Hotbed of Philippine Insurgency Starts to Think About Investors

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as governor of Sultan Kudarat, one of the provinces through which the high-

iso they will want to come," he said. Some say they are well on the way to achieving that goal. The government last year signed an agreement with the Moro National

Liberation Front to integrate its forces with those of the Philippine army and national police, hold elections and

Next, negotiators hope to reach a garded as considerably more militant but still amenable to a deal that would leave it some measure of autonomy. Peace, however, grows out of the

barrels of the guns of the marines and soldiers who were rushed bere several pings and shootings were ruining any ans. chance of luring the kind of invest-The state of the rest of the region U.S. program for encouraging investwas competing.

"The kidnapping bas stopped since the government decided to bring in more forces," said Nestor Lemana, an administrator for a group of Catholic schools and universities in the area. "Now the periphery of this city is

covered with security personnel. about 150,000 people, divided between Muslims and Roman Catholics. They inspect vehicles on all the main reads in and out of town while parrols marines and army soldiers snpthement the Philippine national po-lite, who are widely viewed as a corrupt and inefficient force more

interested in extracting bribes than that the word "Moro" was be- record of Nur Misuari, the leader of keeping the peace.

"Even if the kidnapping has queathed their ancestors by Spanish colonialists, who equated them with

way runs.

"Now the people are suffering from drought. There is danger of starvation in some areas."

The drought may end with the coming monsoon, hut the reality remains that the people of this region of south- state. em Mindanao have long been among the country's poorest. The region's per-capita output last year was less than half the Philippines' gross national product of \$1,159 a person.

While much of the rest of similar agreement with the Moro Is-lanic Liberation Front, which is reture, this area lags dangerously be-"In the city, even the very poor can

still live decently." Mr. Lemana said, "but in the rural areas, the disparity becomes very clear, and the Muslims months ago as almost daily kidnap- are much poorer than the Christi-Renee Subido, who works with a

ment in all Mindanao, sees an image problem. "When you say Cotabato, people think you're having troubles," While foreign investment in the

Philippines rose more than \$1 hillion in 1997 from the year before, almost none went into this city or the sur-The troops do surround this city of rounding provinces despite their potential for turning out coconuts, palm oil, mangoes and other products. Philippine authorities, however, have not actually touched ground,

see economic development as the best be said, while reviewing election rehope for bringing a lasting peace to a turns that showed him a narrow winregion roiled by Muslim rebellions ner in a race for re-election as govfor centuries. Rebel leaders often proudly note

Only a few thousand rebels, most

Muslims compose at most about 20 anything," Mr. Candan said.

said Jesus Dureza, who is responsible characterized by public executions"

for coordinating government policy and kidnappings by an Islamic ter-

was clear.

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Catholic immigrants from other parts ists gain the upper hand.

bring about a peace that is durable bership and backing.

of them with the Moro Islamic Lib-

percent of Mindanao's 18 million

people, most of them descendants of

Things have changed totally,"

The people have turned around.

The fact that we're talking to the Moro leaders is good enough. I can

call them and say, 'Let me verify a

enough to satisfy potential investors.

Maguindanao Province, which bor-

missions to Malaysia and Australia to

advertise the potential for investing in

economic zone for food-processing

So far, however, be is finding few

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He was especially skeptical of the protect them.'

and other light industry.

He dreams of setting up a special

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Zacaria Candan, governor of

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"We were able to eradicate kidnap-

it safe everywhere else."

use Islam religion as an excuse."

He said, bowever, that Washington "shares" Japathe Moro National Liberation Front.

September as governor of four provinces banded together as the An-Last week, the yen fell tonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, is rarely seen at his elaberation Front, are believed to still be orate headquarters complex on the holding out in the jungles in bopes of edge of the city.

establishing an independent Muslim

"I am afraid his term will expire level for the currency. next year without being able to show

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said Mooday that he was unhappy with the yen's slide.

much confidence in the Japanese economy and is too sensitive to every market move." he said, according to Agence evidence that Moro leaders were France-Presse. "I would like them to have confidence in the aptitude possessed by Ja-The ootice was signed by "United pan and the Japanese people People's Movement for Peace," a as well as their technological and historical assets." Christian group of uncertain mem-

Among the most oervous For investors, though, the message economies over the prospect of a weaker yen is Taiwan, which has publicly criticized "All the trouble is in surrounding ders this city, talks of organizing trade provinces," said Antonio Santos, the Bank of Japan for allowing the yen to weaken. On ing hotels after rebels drove him from Monday, new rules came into effect in Taiwan, banning lofarming investments outside the city. cal residents and companies ping in the city. Now we have to make from trading condeliverable forward currency contracts, a way of hedging against a fall As it is, this city has become almost

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nancial markets, economists found this month that 14 per- first three months. The report that drove the lieve the yuan will be depre- currency vulnerability came

named sources as saying that March none of those sur- with surging current account Mr. Rubin is "willing to let veyed held this view and in surpluses and slowing credit the Japanese yen keep April just 6 percent did. plunging - below the 140to-the-dollar level and even to the currency is not fully con-150 — if that's the only way vertible, China's current acthreat from a weaker yen are to keep the world's secondhiggest economy from totally

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Asked Sunday in Canada, where he was attending a meeting of Pacific Rim finance ministers, if the report were correct, Mr. Ruhin responded that 'our dollar policy remains absolutely unchanged."

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sharply after leaders of the major industrialized countries ended a meeting in Birmingham, England, with no comment at all on what they thought was an appropriate

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those that have not yet seen in a strong enough position to their currencies adjust, he . ward off threats of black mar- said: Hong Kong and China. The major risk in holding Southeast Asian currencies is not economic, in his view, but Still, China's economy is socio-political, presenting the threat of violence as seen in

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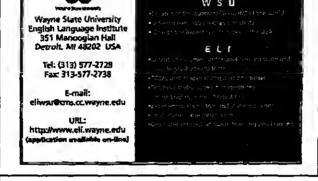
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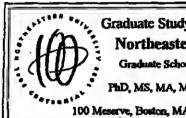
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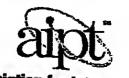
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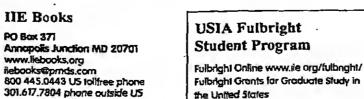
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Mr. Larsen, along with the abroad. "Our major concerns, with respect to NAF- til recently). SA," Mr. Larsen says, "are dents we send to study overtheir experiences are accident-free.

Mr. Larsen readily admits that there is no such thing as "accident-free."

sure that students and their parents and their home are no guarantees," he says. "We explain this over and

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mmediately after their ar- land. The center is typical of rival from the United the 2,000 other institutions States, students studying under the NAFSA umbrella in Northern Ireland on a pro- that administrate programs gram sponsored by the Cen- for students studying

Larsen, the center's director. destruction of Pan Am flight "Why? Safety is an issue that 104 (a Beaver College unwe take very, very serious- dergraduate was returning terrorist threats during the other administrators on Gulf War and the Iranian bos-NAFSA's Health & Safety tage crisis, and the ongoing Committee, stresses the pit-dangers of political upheaval falls for students studying (such as sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, at least un-

"We work hard to also en-related injuries and deaths.

mitment to safety and health, NAFSA's accident- and health-related mishaps rates hardly differ from those in Abroad, hased at Beaver the students' home countries. Pennsylvania, one can ever anticipate evyear from all over North that no one knows about that

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Students need insurance to cover sickness and injury abroad, just in case

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In developing nations, says Mr. Larsen, "we talk to them about diseases, about at home, but that behavior is drinking water and what to more dangerous abroad," eat and avoid eating. Accept- Mr. Larsen says. ing responsibility is a big part of the overseas experience for these students.

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ing away from home for the drunk [in the United Kingonce the students arrive in the first time, whether they are dom!" says Mr. Larsen, United Kingdom, a week be- studying in America or studying the wrong side of the road, begin. In these seminars, the abroad," says Mr. Larsen. and that is pretty serious. It

a lot of time encouraging The most common threat particular to their specific to safety is road accidents. We see the students abroad participating in the same behavior ahroad as they would

Ugly is as ugly does

Drunkenness, in particular, eign cultures than in our own in America, and it reflects ill he says, is "a serious problem reflected in the population that goes overseas.

the 'ugly Americans.' If students get drunk and drive in North America, at Insurance issues When accidents or illness do

dents, the center conducts "Many of these students least they know the rules of not cover sickness and injury week-long orientation sem- are 19- and 20-year-olds go- the road. "If they drive home abroad.

aware of how drunkenness is regarded," says Mr. Larsen. the United States can also he intimidating.

One of the obstacles is stu- be insured," Mr. Larsen says. dents with no health insur- "But in the end, we can only ance, or insurance that does advise and hope."

On the other end of the students who are about to study in the United States about the health-care system, which may differ radically from that of many foreign countries. Many foreign students are unfamiliar with the proach to health care and are often confused by health inthe sensitivities of their host surance, specialized medicine and high hospital costs. Complex medical forms and the concept of routine physical examination prevalent in

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"As a parent of a college or college-bound student," says William Hoffa, the author of NAFSA's "Study Abroad: A Parent's Giride," role of helping your child think through the many questions and issues he or she will face in making this often lifechanging decision. Though decisions about when, where equation. NAFSA informs are usually made by the students themselves, there are many supporting roles for parents to play in helping their child decide whether to go, which program to choose and how to prepare for departure to assure a rewarding American fee-for-service ap- experience while abroad and then adjust to life back

> Multiple aptions Some of the topics covered in opening and rewarding for

the book are: Timing: Study abroad used to mean commitment to dents ahroad seek to fulfill a full year of learning. Now, academic goals; a smaller short-term options abound, some as short as three weeks, says Mr. Hoffa. Students can find programs that match the soring institutions. Since amount of time they can af- ally participate in noncredit then, NAFSA has sought the endorsement of its guidelines home campus. While the cur- on skills that will improve ricular strengths of study their career prospects. ahroad programs are usually. aimed at juniors and seniors, fort and a good deal of adearlier participation may be can only indicated. The "Junior Year Hoffa, "it is almost always M.M. Abroad" model is the most possible to identify study. popular, even today, yet stu- abroad programs that match dents who study abroad in a student's learning style and their sophomore or freshman academic goals at an affordyears "often get a head start able price."
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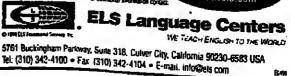
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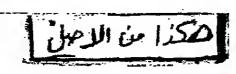
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over a stay-al-home rival. It is ironic, then, that one Easing the expenses from international budgets in felt around the world of edu-students are allowed to defer the Asian countries hurt by cation, and perhaps nowhere the recent economic crisis more than in the United ment plans. was overseas education. The States. "We're hearing from South Korean government universities that are anxious million in matching grants to a nonprofit arm of NAFSA has frozen money for edu- to receive foreign students." cation abroad until markets Mr. Lockyear adds, "Indeed, calm down and decisions they have budgeted for their feeted countries to help the dents who have studied in the

agree on just about everything seem to agree their doors and cut their falls."

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In Indonesia, Mr. Lock-

education alone might not Thailand's Office of the scarce. There are 458,000 alization, but it cannot be delayed sending new schol- the United States. Fifty-sevachieved without it. Workers are abroad, and while the In- en percent of them come educated in the grammar of lernational Monetary Fund from Asia. A full 77,000 stuother cultures are the best urged that education not be dents come from the affected Thailand and Indonesia, the up 17 percent of the total

and ideas flourish in a global "Historically, things like people," says Susan Luchs, marketplace. Foreign trade this have happened," says director of NAFSA's ASaccounts for a quarter of the Frederick Lockycar, presi- PIRE program. The program ory Services, a firm in Seattle foreign students in their own demic institutions in the

Anecdotal evidence has to 80 students in its most ic crisis. istrators of international student programs expect a 50 percent downtum in enrollits forces to help these stran-

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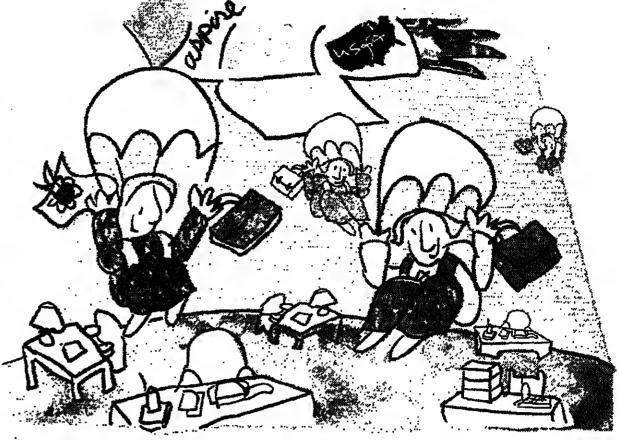
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> Funds from the U.S.enable NAFSA to provide their own home countries. supplementary grants, ranghelp students from these four and an effective network of says. "We have gone from countries who otherwise former students. The asso- where students needed AS-

these students stay in the directly by e-mail) and sends still jobs, and home will al-United States," says Ms. students resumes directly to ways be home." of the first items to be cut The reverberations are being others, like Ohio University, Luchs, "But their home govemments are telling them, We can't help you with

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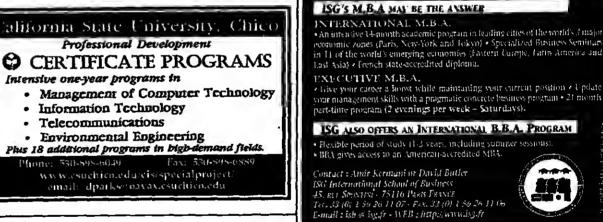
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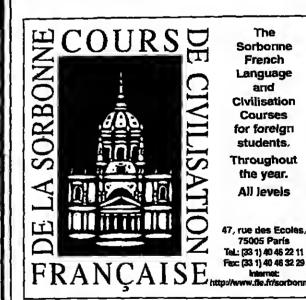
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World Roundup

Magnusson Takes 9th Stage of Giro

CYCLING Glenn Magnusson of Sweden edged Mario Cipollini and Silvio Martinello of Italy in a photo finish Monday to capture the ninth stage of the Tour of Italy.

The Swiss rider Alex Zulle retained the overall lead, five seconds ahead of Michele Bartoli and 50 seconds better than Luc Leblanc. All

three finished in the main group. Cipollini had won three of the previous four legs of the race but was hemmed in down the stretch and could not overtake Magnusson despite a strong final push.

"I threw away a good chance,"
Cipollini said. "I'didn't have enough space to break through and show my best. You can't win every time.

Magnussoo claimed his third career Tour stage victory, covering the 167 kilometers (103.5 miles) from Foggia to Vasto up Italy's eastern coast in 3 hours, 55 minutes, 43 seconds. (AP)

Montgomerie Triumphs

GOLF Colin Montgomerie made a 10-foot hirdie putt on the final hole Mooday to secure a ooe-stroke victory in the Volvo PGA Championship in Virginia Water, Eng-

Montgomerie, the European PGA's top money-winner for five straight seasons, shot a final round 69 to win the prestigious event for the first time with a four-round total of 274, 14 under par.

Montgomerie held a one-shot lead going into the final round but fell behind on the back nine as Gary Orr, Dean Robertson, Ernie Els and Patrik Sjoland held the lead at vari-

A four-man playoff with Els, Orr and Sjoland loomed after Montgomerie hit a poor tee shot oo the 18th. But he hit his third shot to within 10 feet and rolled in the putt for the victory.

Finishing one stroke back were Sjoland, Els and Orr. The Swede shot a final-round 66, while Els and Orr both had 68s.

Doping Inquiry for Smith

SWIMMING A second urine sample provided by the Irish swimmer Michelle Smith, who won three gold medals at the 1996 Olympics, showed the same signs of tampering as a first specimen, the sport's governing body confirmed Monday.
"The result of the analysis of the

B sample confirms that of the A sample," the international swimming federation, FINA, said. These results indicate suspicion of physical manipulation of the

FINA said the case would be forwarded to its doping panel for investigation. Under FINA rules, Smith could be hanned from the sport for life for manipulating a drug test. Smith has denied tampering with her test.

First Hurdle Cleared By Rios and Sampras

But, as 3 of Top 9 Men's Seeds Bow, Britons Can Only Think 'Wimbledon'

By Christopher Clarey

PARIS — The good news for Chilean fans after the first day at Stade Roland Garros was that Marcelo Rios still is the favorite to win his first French Open. The good news for American fans

was that Pete Sampras still has a chance to win his first. The good oews for British fans was that Wimhledon begins in less than a

It was a day without exclamacon points. True, three of the top nine men's seeds lost, but the term "upset" is a relative term when there is Paris clay

THE FRENCH OPEN

beneath one's sneakers and tournameot directors choose to respect the computer rankings instead of making judgment

Anyone who has watched Greg Rusedski, the No. 5 seed from Britain, struggle through this clay court season could not have been flabbergasted to see him lose, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, to an angular Belgian named Johan Van Herck.

Nor could anyone who has recently observed Jonas Bjorkman, the No. 7 seed from Sweden, have been stunned by his 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 loss to Thomas Muster, a former Freoch Opeo champion. The only mild surprise was No. 9 Karol Kucera's four-set loss to Todd Woodbridge of Aostralia.

Kucera has the weapons to make a run at the otle here one day, hut at least he had a fine excuse for losing the last three sets: painful foot hlisters.

There was no shortage of excuses Mooday at the most gracling of the four Grand Slam events. Daniel Nestor de-

faulted in the second set against Vince Spadea with a strained stomach muscle. Martin Damm did the same against Jamie Delgado because of a right shoulder problem, and then there was Britain's other star and only native son, Tim Henman, oo clay court miracle-worker himself, who lasted less than a set against Sargis Sargasian of Armenia before withdrawing with a stiff back.

"I'm going to play Nottingham for sure now," said Rusedski, a fellow who likes his glass half full instead of half empty. "I think on grass and elay it's fair to say that sometimes you might oeed different ranking systems.

Sampras, the world's number one player for most of the last six seasons, would oot be on top of any clay court pecking order, but the first leg of his annual pilgrimage to hostile territory went smoothly against his countryman Todd Martin, who pushed him to five sets on the same court in 1996 and woo a clay court event in Barcelona this season. The match was hilled as a potential upset (a real ooc), but as the French like to say, the mountain gave hirth to a mouse.

Though Sampras struggled on his opening service games, he soon found his rhythm. He was not at his winnerripping, crowd-wooing best, but he was more than good enough to defeat Martin, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

In the next round, Sampras will face the 98th-ranked Delgado, who hails from Paraguay. The path leading to Sampras's first French Open title should get much humpier in a hurry with Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy, Fabrice Santoro of France and Felix Mantilla of Spain lurking in his eighth of the draw. "Not only this year but every year I

play to win this tournament onc time,"



Anna Kournikova of Russia reaching to hit a forehand in her victory Monday over Amelie Mauresmo of France.

Sampras said. "I feel like I can. I feel like I've beateo some players in the past that have woo here.

Martin likes Sampras hut he doesn't like his chances. "I think there's a lot of guys on this surface who can give him a definite run for his money," Martin said.

'I'm sure he'll stumble upoo those." The only thing that appears capable of slowing Rios down is the tendinitis in his left elbow that caused him to miss a month of compension after he briefly

assumed the number ooe ranking.

He heat Brett Steven of New Zealand in four uneven sets on Monday but had treatment oo the elbow.

'It's much better, but every time I play long matches, it's getting really sore," he said. "I just pot some hot cream on it to not have pain."

Venus Williams, the statuesque 17year-old American who would be queen, was feeling no pain in her opening match against Tamarine Tansugarn of Thailand and getting more obeers for doing a complete split while chasing down a ball in a routine 6-3, 6-1 victory.

If you believe Williams, it is only the first victory of many for her and her sister Serena at Roland Garros.

"I think everyooe here noderstands how we feel about being oo different sides of the draw," she said. "We believe that we both can be in the final."

Two women who won't be in the final are the No. 9 seed Irina Spirlea and No. 16 Lisa Raymond. Spirlea, a fine clay court player when she is in the mood, lost 6-2, 6-4, to Sylvia Plischke, an 88th-ranked Austrian. Raymond was beaten by Tatiana Panova, an 89th-ranked Russian.

All in all, it was an unforgettable day for the "ovas" at Roland Garros. Other winners included Karina Habsudova, Anna Smashnova, Elena Tatarkova, Kvctoslava Hrdlickova, Katarina Studenikova and the most telegenic of them all, Anna Kournikova, the 16-year-old Russian who won, 6-2, 6-4, over Amelie Mauresmo of France.

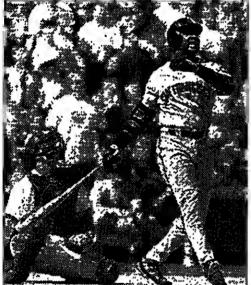
Mauresmo was a surprise finalist in Berlin earlier this mooth, hut Monday she looked overwhelmed by the moment as she played in front of a large gallery of her fellow citizens. The French will have plenty more of their own left to root for on the second day in Paris. Their frieods from across the Channel will have to wait for the grass court season.

Tuesday's Top Matches

Nicolas Kiefer vs. Tommy Haas Only one of Germany's post-Becker poster boys gets to the second round.

Agassi beat the rising Russian teenager in Davis Cop with ease, but Safin rolled through qualifying here and likes clay. Why shouldn't he? He lives in Spain.

Amanda Coetzer (5) vs. Patty Schnyder Coctzer, the little engine that could, has been having trouble climbing mountains lately. Schnyder is the Swiss in top 20 who was oot named for Navratilova.



The Giants' Barry Bonds admiring the arc of his game-tying, ninth- inning homer. lasted for five hours, 45 minutes.

Despite McGwire, Giants Beat Cards in Marathon

The Associated Press

The San Francisco Giants had already watched Mark McGwire wreck them once. They weren't about to let it happen again.

After McGwire hit a tying home run in the 12th inning, the Giants intentionally walked him with two outs and

went on to stop St. Louis, 9-6, in 17 innings on Sunday, the loogest game in the majors this season. Barry Bonds hit a two-out, tw homer in the Giants ninth that tied it at rifice fly in the eighth. 4. Then Jeff Kent put San Francisco

leading 24th homer off Robh Nen. The visiting Giants took advantage

Mots 8, Brewers 3 Brian McRae hit a go-ahead, three-run donble and Carlos, Baerga clubbed a two-run homer to lift the Mets in New York. Mike Piazza, in his secood game for the Mets, went 1-for-5.

Expos 5, Philips 4 In Montreal, Tyler Greeo lost his hid for a perfect none on in the 14th. San Francisco game in the seventh inning, and Phil-

BASEBALL ROUHDUP

outs when he tit his major league- series, and the Diamoodbacks held on secood time this month. to beat Los Angeles.

Astros 5. Padres 2 Bill Spiers scored of a two-base throwing error by Kent from first on a long single hy Moises high with 15 strikeouts and Ken Grif-Mercker (3-3) in the 17th. The game Alou and added a two-run triple, lead-fey Jr. hit his 18th homer. two-run double in the eighth inning fey Jr. hit his 18th homer. Alou and added a two-run triple, leading Houston over visiting Sao Diego.

Yankoos 14, Red Sox 4 The Yankees Meares had three hits, drove in three gave David Cone more support than he's used to, batting around twice against the AL's leading pitching staff and routing Boston in New York.

Tigors 8, White Sox 4 In Chicago, Damion Easley and Tony Clark each homered to lead Detroit to its ninth victory in 12 games.

Royals 8, Rangers 3 Jermaine Dye drove in three runs and visiting Kansas City stopped an eight-game losing

Orioles 2, Athletics 1 In Oakland, Diamondbacks 8, Dodgers 5 David Harold Baines doubled in the goahead, 6-4, with a two-run homer in Dellucci homered to give host Ariahead run in the ninth as Baltimore Glavine pitched a three-hitter and Mitthe 12th. But McGwire tied it with two zona its first lead of the three-game won consecutive games for only the chael Tucker singled home the win-

Mariners 3, Devil Rays 1 In Seattle, (2-3). Randy Johnson matched a season-

Twins 9, Angels 1 In Anaheim, Pat

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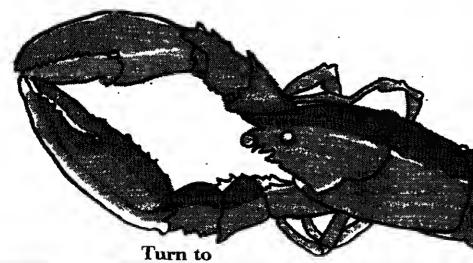
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Blue Jays 5, Indians 0 Woody Williams allowed four hits in seven scoreless innings after flirting with a nohitter in his previous start, and Dwight Gooden lasted only three innings in his Cleveland debut.

Rockies 3, Rods 1 In Cincinnati, Vinny Castilla hit a tiebreaking, twoe in the sixth in the Reds' seveoth loss in nine games. Braves 2, Cubs 1 In Atlanta, Tom Glavine pitched a three-hitter and Mining run in the ninth off Terry Adams

Martins 4, Pirates 3 Cliff Floyd hit a off Jason Christiansen (0-1) as host Florida rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

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4 Bohden Uffirnoch, Crech R., def. Wayne
Block, Zimbohwe, 6-1, 6-7, (7-7), 6-2, 6-2;
Christophe Van Garsse, Beigium, def. Marcello Croox, Ger., 6-1, 6-1, 6-1,
Pepe Imaz, Sp., def. Jean, Boptist Periont,
Fr., 7-6, 18-6), 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Todd Woodbridge, Australia, def. Korol Kucera (9), Slowoklo, 1-4, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; Mort, Philippoussis,
Australia, def. Oliver Gross, Ger., 6-1, 7-5, 6-4,
Marcelo Rios (3), Chile, def. Brett Steven,
New Zealond, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6, 6-2,
New Zealond, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6, 6-3,
Vincent Spaden, U.S., def. Doniel Nestor,
Connada, 5-7, 5-2, ret, Fernando Melligent,
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Jens Knippschild, Ger., def. Carlos Costo,
Sp., 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, Andrea Goudenzi, II., def.
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Washilla, 5-7, 7-5, 6-7, 7-1, 1-14,
4-6-3; Byron Block, Zimbotwe, def. Armoud
Clement, Fr., 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; Fobrice Sontoro,
Fr., def., Josn-Francols Bachalot, Fr., 6-1, 6-1,
6-2; Jeson Stoltenbery, Australia, def. Gole
Bionco, Sp., 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-6, Ma.
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Sanchez-Larenza, Sp., 6-2, 6-1; Melke Babel, Ger., def. Yuka Yashida, Jap., 6-1, 6-0; Elena Tatarkova, Ukraine, def. Kristina Brandi, U.S., 6-4, 6-4; Al Suglyama, Jap., def. Laura Golarsa, H., 7-5, 6-3.
Chanda Rubin, U.S., def. Lori McNeil, U.S., 3-6, 6-4; Kvetoslova Hrdickova, Czech R., def. Eva Bes, Sp., 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Venus Williams, (3), U.S., def. Tamarine Yanasugam, Thalland, 6-3, 6-1; Nas Carisson, Swe., def. Tholland, 6-3, 6-1; Asa Carisson, Swe., def.

Tholland, 6-3, 6-1; Asa Carisson, Swe., def. Haruka Inove. Jap., 7-5, 6-1.

Tatiana Panova, Rus., def. Lisa Raymond (16), U.S., 6-3, 6-4; Nothalia Dechy, Fr., def. Olga Barobanschilkova, Belarus, 6-3, 1-4, 6-1; Laurence Andretto, Fr., def. Maria Alejandra Venta, Venez., 6-1, 6-3; Arvar Kournilkova (17), Rus., def. Amelle Mauversano, Fr., 6-2, 6-4.

Arta Smoshrava, Israel, def. Lariso Nelland. Larika, 6-3, 6-2; Mirtam Oremans, Nett., def. Elena Makarova, Rus., 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; Nicole Pratt. Australia, def., Ines Garrochategui, Arg., 6-0, 6-2; Katarina Studenlikova, Slovolcia, def. Sandra Klekrova, Czech R., 6-1, 6-1.

Naoko Sawamarisu, Jop., def. Lenka Nemechova, Czech R., 6-1, 6-1.

Yereva, Bel., def., Florencia Larbat, Arg., 6-1, 7-5; Barbara Riffner, Ger., def. Segolene Berger, Fr., 6-1, 6-2; Karian Habsudova, Slovokka, def. Oerisa Chiodova, Czech R., 6-4, 6-0.

Iva Mojoll (10), Croatta, def. Pavilna Stoyanova, Belgania, 6-1, e-1; Arm Wunderlich, U.S., def. Amelie Cocheleux, Fr., 7-5, 7-6 (7-5); Barbara Schwartz, Austria, def. Withrud Probst, Ger., 7-6 (7-5); 6-1; Henricha Nogyova, Slovokia, def. Rachel McGuillan, Australia, def. Rachel Haruka Inoue, Jap., 7-5, 6-1.

ova. Slovokia. def. Rachel McGunlan, Austrolia. 6-3, 6-4.
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Addana Gersi. Czech R. def. Barbora Schett. Austria. 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; Sylvia Plischke. Austria, def. Irina Spirica (7), Romania. 6-2, 6-4; Sanya Jeyoscelan. Canada. def. Ginger Nielsen, U.S., 6-0, 0-4, 12-19.

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LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers have started on another one of those summers of contemplation for which they have become so famous, though obviously oot terribly good at, leaving them to consider a team that went a step beyond last year and still took a step back.

The Lakers were overwhelmed Sunday by the Utah Jazz, not even getting a moral victory by avoiding a sweep -an

NBA PLAYOFFS

S Embassing Ma S Embassing proper in the site, which is I To policy repair indignity that came with the 96-92 loss at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, California, in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

O'men. Mr. Company of Polis Company of Polis Company of Shaquille O'Neai lashed out at teammates, noting, "If they don't want in play, then they need to ask for a trade."
The Lakers' coach, Del Harris, congratulated the Jazz hut put much of the final outcome on a series of fourthiums he immed quarter calls hy the referees, a move sure to infuriate the team's general manager, Jerry West, and its owner, Jerry Buss, just as they begin to cootemplate what effect a four-and-out showing will have

on Harris's once-secure joh.

What does Magic Johnson, the vice president and part-owner who has Buss's ear say? He just trashed them all.

Contain and or "There is something missing from this team," he said. "There is oo sense of urgency. We played four games exactly the same. We made oo adjustments. You can't play like that, "This is something we have to address. Dr. Buss is noset. I'm upset. This is oot the way

we are supposed to go out."

Not by losing four in a row, the last two of which were at bome, sending the Jazz to the championship series for the second year in a row and the Lakers to their first playoff defeat-by-sweep in nine years. At least then they had the excuse of being injured against the Pistons.

There were the Lakers claiming that such a finish cannot detract from the successes of the previous six and a balf months, but to come this far and lose this badly puts them back to a year ago, before they had supposedly learned all those lessons and looked in all those mirrors. When it counted most, they had not learned a thing.

The in-fighting was not there, or at least not as apparent, compared with last year's second-round elimination at the hands of the Jazz, but the same inability to handle the challenge was obvious.

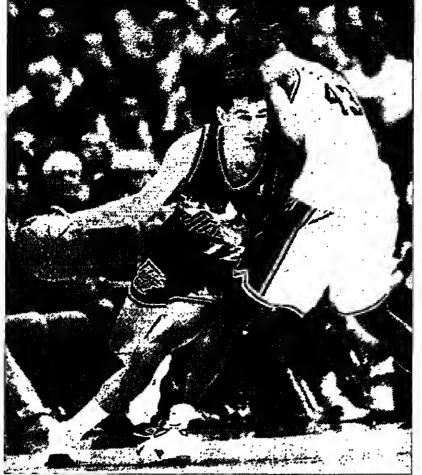
So the Lakers got the same lessons and set out on what has become their signature soul-searching, following in the proud traditioo of their hellish end-ings agaiost the Houston Rockers in

1996 and versus Utah in 1997.
"I'm very shocked," said Corie
Blount, who went from rarely playing to becoming the hackup power forward in the possesson. "I didn't think anyone could sweep us. I remember saying we could go in there and sweep them. Guess I didn't know what we were in store

The game Sunday again offered the Lakers a third straight opportunity to win in the fourth quarter - after the Game I blowout when the Lakers' fate had already been decided by early in the second period. But along with the opportunity, the game Sunday brought a third consecutive disappointment.

This time, after having the previous chances end in losses by four and seven points, they were within six points with four minutes remaining and three with 1:36 left. They were still three points short at 90-87, when one of the rulings that angered the Lakers occurred.

O'Neal made a short jumper from the right side while being fouled by Karl Malone, hut did not get the continuation call. Instead, with 27.6 seconds to go, O'Neal went to the line and missed both



John Stockton of the Jazz driving around the Lakers' Corie Blount.

game-high 38 points.

When Kobe Bryant scored with 22.7 seconds remaining, he was the first Laker hesides O'Neal to score in a span

"Shaquille was the only guy down the stretch who was willing to take the shot," Utah's Karl Malone said after his 32 points and 14 rebounds, Malone capitalized on O'Neal's missed free throws by making two free throws moments

later, giving the Jazz a 92-87 cushion, Bryant kept the pressure on Utah with

anempts after making 10 of his first 16 a 3-point play with 22.7 left, but the Jazz free throws of the day en route to a ended the threat, even after Van Exel's ended the threat, even after Van Exel's lay-in with 7.3 seconds remaining, with the help of two smooth breaks.

> The first resulted in a game of keepaway before the Lakers could grab John Stockton and Stockton could make two from the line; the second in Greg Foster's dunk with 2.5 seconds left that made the final score 96-92.

> What had been apparent for a couple of days had become official. The Lakers were done, left only with their vacations and their latest attempts to find an ex-

Pro Bicycle Racing Gives -Cool Britain Another Go

royal throne of kings, this sceptered isle, would be even more so, in many opinions, if it accommodated professional bicycle racing at the level of such major local sports as cricket, darts and snooker.

But it doesn't. In a bizarre reversal of sentiment in the rest of Europe, bicycle racing is a marginal sport here. Not only marginal but jinxed: The multiday Milk Race, which began in 1958, ended in 1993 when its sponsor, the Milk Mar-

TEWCASTLE. England — This said, "and here in England what you've got in the school curriculums are cricket and rugby, the Oxford and Cambridge games, the old public school business.

Only a year ago," Liggett added, we had a promising young cyclist who had shown the basic instinct and the talent, and he was advised by his school. to stop cycling because it was affecting.

his physical condition for rowing."
"Rowing!" Liggett snorted. "But rowing was the hig thing in the cur-

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keting Board of England and Wales, was curdled by European Uoion bureaucrats. A year later, the Kellogg's Tour of Britain, which began in 1986, also ended.

All the rest is silence, as the Bard also said, or was silence until last weekend when the nine-day Prutour began an 825-mile (1,320-kilometer) journey from Stirling, Scotland, to London, According to Alan Rusbion, head of The Events Group, the organizer of the race. it is the biggest race Britain has had in terms of promotion and prizes, with £100,000 (\$165,000) for the riders.

Road racing has a long if inglorious history in Britain, Rushton pointed out, "It really didn't kick in until after World War II." he said, "Not until the '60s did the sport begin to take hold. So, for decades, it just didn't get under the skin

of the people the way cricket did." Other students of the sport offer supplementary explanations. They include traffic, school curriculums and, this being Britain, class.

I think traditionally bike riding was seeo as something you did if you couldn't afford a car," said Clare Salmon, consumer marketing director of Prudential, the race's sponsor.

Rushton agreed: "It was a class thing. The working man had a hike and the bosses had cars. That was true until the 60s when the working man bought a Ford Anglia and left his hike behind. In the '50s there were buge cycling cluhs around this country and then the car took over.

But today, Salmon said, the sport is seen differently in Cool Britain. 'What's happened now is its taken oo a more glamorous image: lycra, carbon fiber and incredibly rapid speed. Its become upmarket, a fashioo thing.

In another explanation, Phil Liggett, the bicycle journalist and television commentator, points an accusatory finger at school sports.

Peter King, chief executive of the British Cycling Federation, blames traffic. "It's a hig problem to close offroads because there is so much traffic in town centers and you need to get into the town centers because that's where the people are," he said.

As an organizer should, Rusbton also bemoaned the lack of major races in, Britain 10 attract youngsters, "to letpeople see the bicycle racer as a hero.

The beauty of having a domestic calendar," he said, "is that Chris Boardman can be seen here and it will affect that little kid who saw Boardman ride into his city in the red jersey of the. Prutour's leader. That little kid — we don't know which one, but surely one of. those watching — will want to race hicycles, too. But if Boardman's perpetually racing abroad, nobody British-can see him and get behind him."

Besides Boardman, who leads the France-based Gan team, there are oo more than two or three other Britons. racing professionally in Europe. One of the pioneers, for a decade starting in the late 1970s, is Graham Jones, who is working on the Prutour.

'We have so many sports bere, but cycling is not high on the list," Jones' said. "When I was a boy I was discouraged from racing. I was chased by a lot of people from soccer and athletics hut not to do cycling.

"I realized at 16 or 17 that if I wanted to be a professional rider, I had to go livein another couotry. So I did: I had £200; in my pocket, a hike, a spare pair of. wheels and a suitcase,"

Jones spent a year in the Netherlands. and another in Belgium as an independeot amateur rider, and in 1978; joined the ACBB team in France, a pipeline to the professional Peugeot

team, with whom he made his dehut.
"You had to go ahroad," Jones said
firmly. "It's still the case."

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After giving up two goals in the second period, the Stars were unable

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Win-Win Time For Skins Titlist

FRISCO, Texas - Laura Davies says it was fun. Most people would agree, considering that she won

\$270,000 in two days. Davies gained that amount hy becoming the first person to win twice in the 8-year-old LPGA Skins Game that

coocluded Sunday.
The LPGA Tour's longest hitter, who won a tournament-record \$340,000 in 1996, led after Saturday's nice boles with \$150,000 in the \$540,000 event.

She then sank a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-4 13th for \$40,000 and clinched the title Sunday oo the par-4 15th with another 12-foot birdie putt that was vorth \$80,000. It was t Sunday at the Stooebriar Country Clnb course that had a carry-over as a skin

was woo on every bole but the 14th. Davies shot herself out of contentioo on three holes when she hit into water

hazards twice and out of bounds once. Karrie Wehh, who was shut out Saturday, rallied to win four skins Suoday, including the first two, to earn \$140,000. Defending champion Annika Sorenstam won two skins worth \$70,000 to push her two-day total to three skins and \$100,000. Nancy Lopez was shut out Sunday and finished with ooe skin for \$30,000.

Red Wings Get Jump on Stars The Associated Press DALLAS - Reunion Areoa fea- in their own zone. But Dallas could

tured another great defensive job in the Stanley Cup playoffs, only this time it was the Detroit Red Wings and established dominance in the oeu-The Red Wings held the Dallas Stars in check for most of the game in a 2-0 victory Sunday, limiting the NHL's top team to a mere 14 sbots in

the opening game of the Western Conference finals. "We're disappointed in our effort — we didn't play as hard as we can," said the Dallas goalteoder, Ed

Belfour. "We have to play hard for 60 minutes, not just for the first peri-

The Stars came out with an ag-

gressive forecheck in the first 10

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Vings went into a defensive posture.

Dallas failed to get a shot oo goal in the game's final 8:30.

Belfour said the Red Wings' first goal, by Slava Kozlov on a power play, involved an unusual bounce the supplier of plays and the statement of plays involved and unusual bounce the supplier of plays and the supplier of plays and

through a group of players that landed on Kozlov's stick.

Of the second goal, by Martin Lapointe, Belfour said, "It hit off somebody in froot of the oet."

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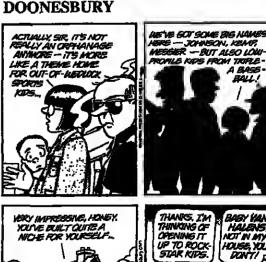






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Here, Have a Shot

The Associated Press SALT LAKE CITY. Utah

— The columnist Dave Barry kept everyone in stitches at the Physician Assistants Conference here with a lecture on, "Medical Care: Is It Really Necessary?"

He decided it is not. In his address, Barry was particularly tough on tetanus shots, which he claimed to have received almost daily since the

Long spells in the waiting room also provoked his ire. will find the happiness and "If you have to wait more than 30 minutes, you should have the right to give the doctor a seat belt, floss your teeth and shot," he told the assembled cook your hamhurgers at 4,000 doctors' assistants.

WASHINGTON—Every begin at the top, and, besides, what choice do the recruiters have when it is so empty in

the executive suite? Once you take a job that appeals to you, buy a Porsche the luckiest one that ever or a Mercedes to make a statement to your family, who never thought you would make it in the real world. If you can't afford a hrand-new car, ask your parents to buy you one. After all, they paid \$40,000 a year to put you through school, there is no reason they can't fork over another 40 as a

graduation present. Now I know what's on all your minds. What should you do about Monica Lewinsky? The answer is, don't do anything about Monica until Ken Starr decides whether or not

he is going to give her a joh. As for the president, you must not judge him on his private life, as long as gasoline is a dollar a gallon.

You are the first generation who has access to Viagra. Like all drugs, it is good unless you take too much in a 24-hour period. An overdose could give you an acid stomach or an Excedrin headache.

As you go out into the world, think of the little people Bill Gates, for example, who is being beaten up hy the Justice Department. According to Mr. Gates, your lives hang by a thread if he can't install his Internet browser on your computer. Trust him he would never lie to you.

I know everyone in this class may not become president of Walt Disney or Victoria's Secret, hut if you follow the yeliow hrick road you success you so richly deserve --- provided you huckle your more than 150 degrees.

A Golden Ray in Theo Angelopoulos's Winter

By Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

imous, the Palm went to "Eternity and a are flashbacks and flashforwards of Alex-Day" (Mia Eoniotita Ke Mia Mera), the director's 11th film.

Pale and shaking, he thanked the president of the jury, Martin Scorsese, saying, "I'm really very touched." Yet even as be spoke, he was upstaged hy Roberto Benigni, whose "La Vita e Bella" won the Grand Prix and who capityated the audience by flinging himself at Scorsese's feet.

Angelopoulos, 63, is not an expansive man, and his film, about an old man running out of time, was not a crowd pleaser.

"I belong to a generation slowly coming to the end of our careers," he said later.

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

"This time, I tried not to be too melancholic, but it sticks with me." Famous for his sagas of upheaval in the Balkans, a Greece without sun, the director, often lionized in Venice, has long been frustrated out of Cannes' Golden Palm.

The two hour and 10 minute film, one of his shortest, is set in rainy Thessalonika. "I always shoot in winter," he said. "The sea, water, mist - I can't resist them. That's the way I project my inner landscape.'

The jury's decision was a vote for Euro-pean cinema. "Elernity" is a Greek-French-Italian co-production, starring a Swiss-Italian, Bruno Ganz; the French actress Isabelle Renauld, and a 9-year-old Greek-Albanian boy, Achileas Skevis.

The director, who has cast Harvey Keitel. Marcello Mastroianni and Jeanne Moreau in previous films, actually wrote the script for Mastroianni. 'I told him the story and he said, 'I'm ready if you want me,' but he was clearly dying,' Angelopoulos said. "Then I saw Bruno Ganz wearing a black Armani raincoat in the hall of a hotel, just as he does in the film, and thought he was right.'

Ganz plays Alexander, a famous poet in exile from his own life, forever crossing horders, a man who has missed out on his family. "I kept seeing myself in the role of the poet," Angelopoulos said. "After two

sublimate my identification before we could

work together." In the film, the actor has a graying beard CANNES—At breakfast, on the morning the Palme d'Or was to be awarded here.

Theo Angelopoulos was choked with emotion, afraid that the hig prize would once, "Angelopoulos said. "I mix tenses again elude him. But the vote was unanticous the Palme west to the Palme

> ander's fears and projections." Renauld, who plays Alexander's neglected wife, was chosen "because she looks so much like Phobe, my wife." And the 9-year-old "walked into my office one day with his father," Angelopoulus said. "He had crossed the Albanian border by himself, and I use some of his story.

"There's always a boy in my movies, a child who discovers, the way I discover in each film," Angelopoulos said. "My wife says that she has three girls who are growing up and one boy wbo will never grow up.

The director was raised in Athens; his mother came from Crete and his father from the Peloponnisos. "We are island people," he said. "We always lived surrounded by the

The character Alexander lives in a house overlooking the sea, and he has one day left before entering the haspital to face the end; he leaves by car with his dog. His daughter says she can't keep the dog for him, and her hushand announces that they have sold his house. Stopped at a red light be watches the police pursue a bunch of child window-wipers, when suddenly, he opens the door to

let a boy in. The kids who tvipe windows are run hy the mafia," the director explained. "There's the Greek mafia and the Albanian mafia, those who huy and sell kids, even the parents are paid.

Determined to take the child "home" to Albania, Alexander drives through the mountain pass. "The border we show in the movie is unreal, a dream." Gates open silently, children are suspended in mid-air, stuck like frozen birds on barbed wire fences; the boy recoils, and Alexander drives back to Thessalonika.

'I'm for the abolition of borders," Angelopoulos said, "In the Balkans, the language was Greek, then Latin under the Empire. There was always freedom of





Theo Angelopoulos, left, with his Golden Palm for "Eternity," and Roberto Benigni thanking Martin Scorsese for his Grand Prix for "La Vita e Bella."

"Thessalonika was the most cosmopolitan city in Greece," he continued, "60 percent a Jewish city before the war, with architecture play for him, "The bus seems to be susof every style - Armenian, Turkish, Greek neoclassical and Central European, Most of those houses were tom down. The house we shot in is an Italian consulate. Before, it was Austrian: earlier, it belonged to NATO. These houses, set in the city, looking on the sea, once cinema." He added, "Taxi drivers recognize related to nature, but the cities have become me and don't make me pay, but if I ask if monsters, and nature has disappeared. We've lost our vital relationship to nature."

Between the monstrous city, where the immigrant boys are exploited, the sordid wasteland, where they are clandestinely put up for adoption, and the homeland of no return, the child keeps coming back to Alexander, who cannot keep him.

you read in the newspapers — you can't tell a child that he's condemned."

weeks, we stopped shooting because I had to there was immigration hack toward Greece. are joined by a cast of characters — a rev- place where we're at peace?"

pended in ome and the child discovers the

hest things in life during this last voyage."

The director, a man of dark moods, said he feels isolated, "not by choice, hut I'm a Greek director at a difficult moment in Greek they've seen my movies — they haven't."
He has friends, allies and affinities abroad

in Anionioni, Kurosawa, Oliveira and Berg-rnan, and is proud of his good relations with actors like Keitel, who starred in his 1995 "Ulysses" Gaze."

"Harvey is a method actor, so it wasn't easy for me." Angelopoulos said. "But his "Finally the boy goes back to something open-ended." Angelopoulos said. "I try to show there's bope, that life is not just what Europe. In my previous film. The Sus-Europe. In my previous film, 'The Suspended Step of the Stork,' Mastroianni says, We crossed the border, and we're still here; movement, huge families immigrated to The movie ends, if not happily, on a mabow many borders do we have to cross Magna Graeca: theo in the 12th century, gical bus ride, where Alexander and the boy before we get home?' Where is home, the

PEOPLE

and his hand, Oasis, because of their behavior on a flight to Australia in February, an airline spokesman said. The band members bave been declared persona non grata hy the airline after passengers on a flight from Hong Kong to Perth complained about their unruly hehavior. Gallagher and his entourage were reported to be drunk, smoking, swearing and abusing other passengers.

Sean Lennon, the son of John Lennon and Yoko Ono. said in an interview cited Monday by The Times of London that he missed his father even though he considered him a "macho pig." The full interview will be published in Rolling Stone magazine in July. "He was a macho pig in lots of ways, and he knew it." Lennon, 22, was quoted as saying of his father, who was shot and killed in 1980. "My dad had definitely a violent temper," he added. All the same, Lennon said: "I miss my dad. I don't miss the Beatle. I miss the guy who put me on his shoulders and we walked on the beach together. I miss him every day.

In Hong Kong, a museum devoted to the legendary martialarts film star Bruce Lee is expected to open in July. Located at a shopping mall in the Tsim Sha Tsui district, the museum will house more than 10,000 items of memorabilia. Lee was 32

The actor Charlie Sheen checked himself back into a drug rehabilitation center after being hospitalized last week for a drug overdose. In a statement, Sheen, 32, said, "I get bored

Eyes on Cameron's Sketches

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The director James Cameron's artistic claims could be a little sketcby.

In the movie "Titanic," Leonardo DiCaprio's character shows a sketchbook full of charcoal drawings to Kate Winslet's character. Cameron has said the drawings

But New York magazine reports that three sketches strongly resemble famous photographs: Sally Mann's "Rodney Plogger at 6:01," Alfred Soeglitz's "Georgia O'Keeffe, Hands, 1920," and Brassai's "Bijou" of Montmartre.

That raises the question of copyright infringement, the magazine said, because none of the artists or their estates granted permission for their work to be used. Lawsuits could be in the works.

CATHAY Pacific Airways of Hong Kong has imposed a lifetime ban on the British rock singer Liam Gallagher Kong in 1973. when he died of hrain swelling while filming a movie in Hong for a change." But a day later, Sheen walked out of the center. A doctor alened the authorities that Sheen needed supervision because he was taking prescription medication, and he was picked up by the police and taken to another hospital for observation, the authorities said.

A Broadway producer is considering a musical based on the life and music of Frank Sinatra, the New York Post reported. "I am not looking for a Sinatra impersonator to play the lead." Stewart Lane said. "I'd like to get someone to capture Sinatra's magnetism. They don't have to sound and look exactly like him." Lane, who co-produced "1776" and "Wait Until Dark," said that while he would ask for the family's blessing on a story about the singer's life, he would proceed if they did oot approve.

One of the Chinese dissidents who helped lead the student protests around Tiananmen Square in 1989 has a new challenge on the horizon. "I'm going to Harvard," Wang Dan said through an interpreter. He did not indicate what he will study. After six and a half years in prison. Wang. 29, was freed in April on medical parole on the condition that he leave China. Wang said he hopes his studies can serve as training in the fight for democracy in China. "I love my country very much," he said. "All I learn and all I do is for China."



Liam Gallagher and Oasis have been banned.



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